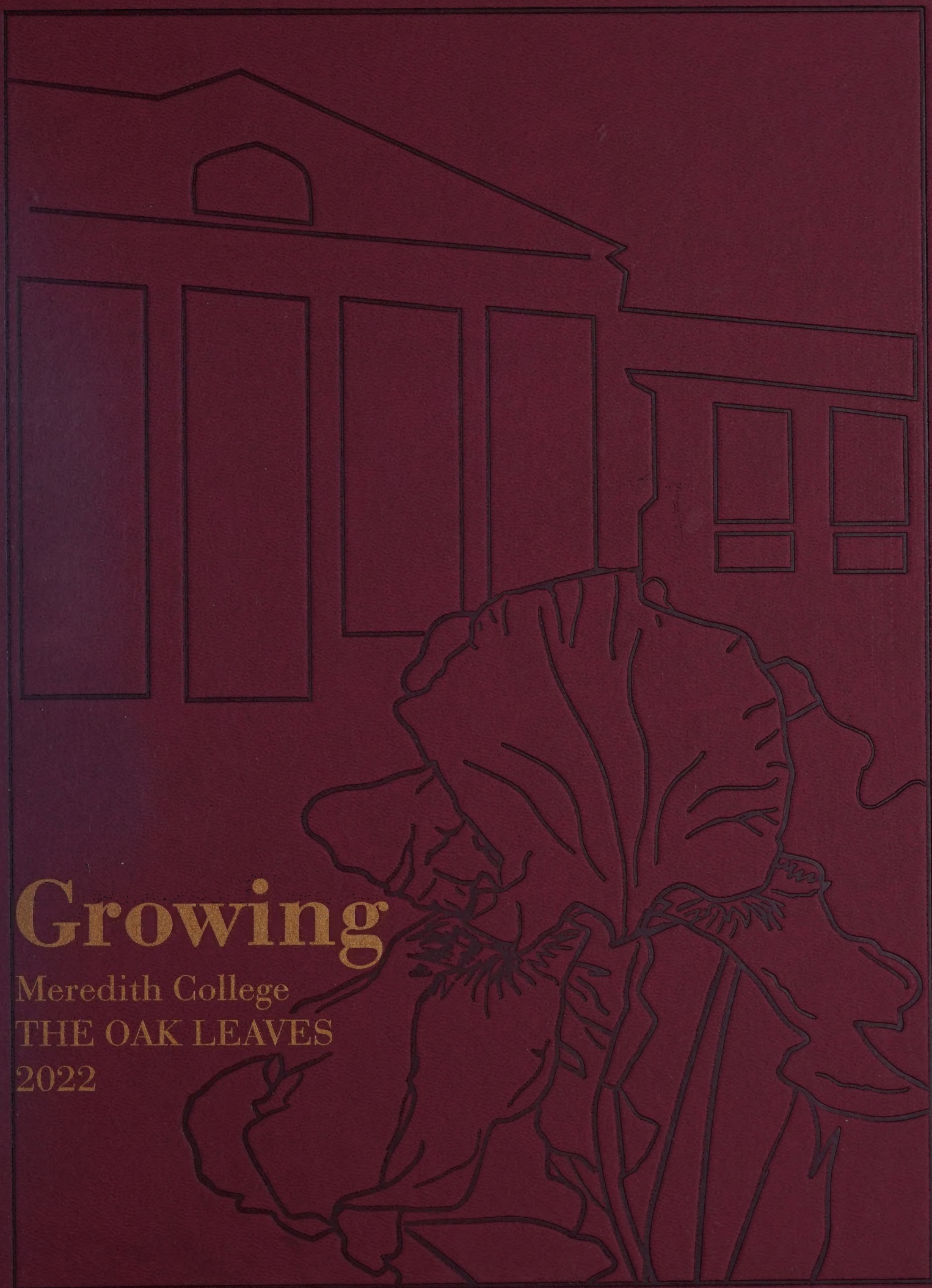

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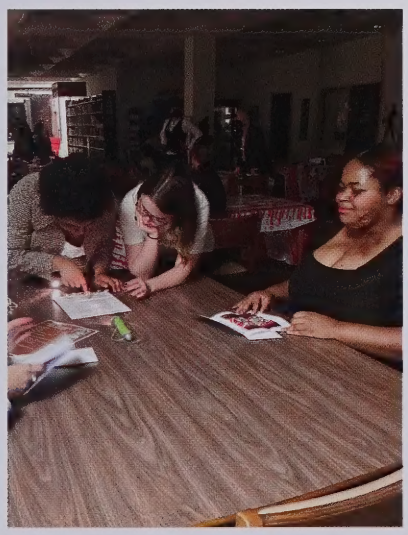


The Class of 2022 raced to the finish in their final year! Savoring every moment they had left in Wonderland, they made sure to complete everything they missed. In the Fall, a picnic behind the Oaks was enjoyed with friends, they won their final Cornhuskin', and they took their final first day pictures. In the Spring, the senior class became inducted in as Alums, the class doll was revealed, they celebrated 22nd night, and they said goodbye to their littles. Finally, on May 14th, the class of 2022 graduated!

Class of 2022

Maryan Aden

Sharifah Albukhary

Jada Alicea-Rochelle

Regan Andersen

Katelyn Andre

Danielle Anthony

Banesa Arellano

Kayla Bennett

Brittany Beverly

Jessica Bland

Olivia Boadi Sarfo

Malone Bondy

Cristin Boswell

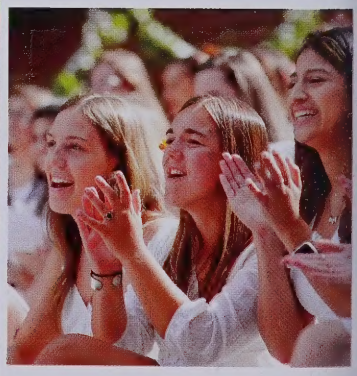
Sarabeth Boyd

Kimberlynn Bradley

Tylena Brown

Savia Buh

Reese Buie



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Mackenzie Calton

Kenzie Cameron

Jeanine Carryl

Ana Casas

Ally Cefalu

Sabina Cerne

Angela Cowo

Darby Creech

Virginia Cruz

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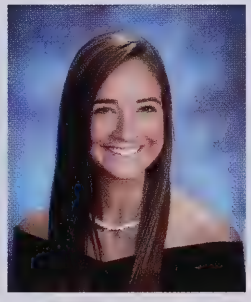
Madelyn Davey-Hand

Aspen Degler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Jada Douglas

Class of 2022

Ashlyn Elliott

Anna Escoto Gaeta

Destiny Eudy

Joyelis Figueroa

Hailey Formont

Mahali Frias Ponce

Jordan Fulk

Hannah Futrell

Kaitlyn Galdamez

Malia Garber

Bryanna Garcia

Cameron Garcia

Sandra Garcia-Ortiz

Taryn Gillaspy

Adriana Gomez

Amyia Gorham

Seniors

Alexis Gracey

Emily Graham

Ashley Grant

Sarah Gundlach

Kaylee Haas

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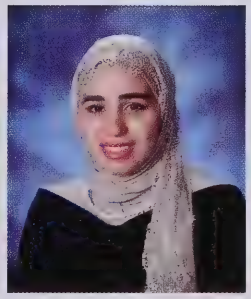
Miranda Hoisington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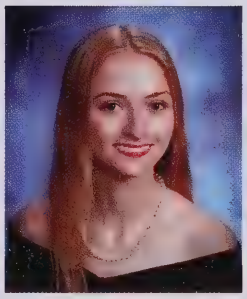
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Jennifer Jimenez-Cervantes

Class of 2022

Madison Jones

Anne Joseph

Nicole Karwowski

Rhoads Keffer

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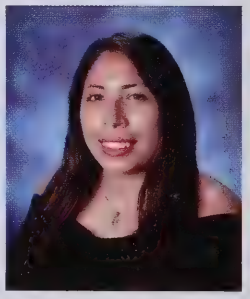
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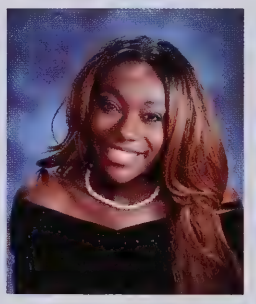
Victoria Lynde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Faith Manuszak

Alexandria Marez

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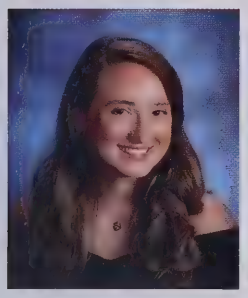
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Peyton McLaughlin

Jillian Meeks

Ricaria Miller

Savana Mitchell

Hannah Mohd Taib

Kaitlyn Muraco

Erin Murphy

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Lorena Ortega

Mitxi Ortiz Diaz

Corinna Papotto

Calley Pennington

Molly Perry

Sarah Phillips

Class of 2022

Emily Phung

Laurelyn Ponder

Hannah Porter

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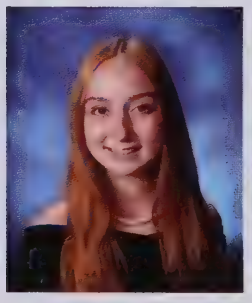
Madison Sholar

Helen Singleton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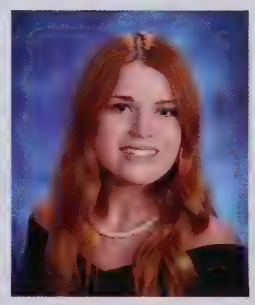
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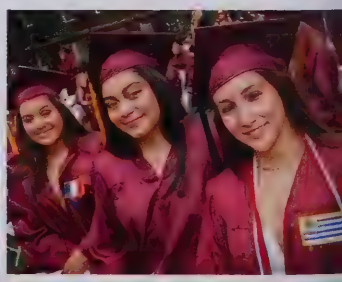

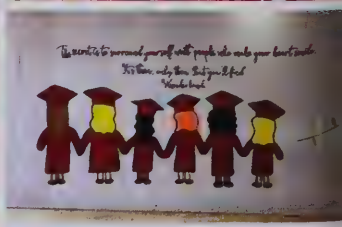

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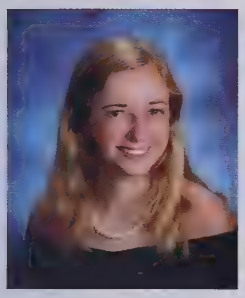
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Emma Stoops

Hunter Straub

Charley Thompson

Morgan Tingen

Madai Valle

Juliana Van Dyck

Haley Vanwells

Caroline Vanyo

Emily Velazquez

Sujaya Venkatesan

Jesse Walker

Aamyah Watson

Terryona Watson

Caroline Welsh

Carsen William

Anna Wisniewski

Hannah Woodall

Senior Picnic

The Senior Picnic was held in September behind the Oaks Apartments. The senior class enjoyed a charcuterie box lunch, games, and spending time with friends.

Students sat on special palettes to eat while enjoying the beautiful floral decor and warm weather.

Multiple decorated areas also made for great photo opportunities.

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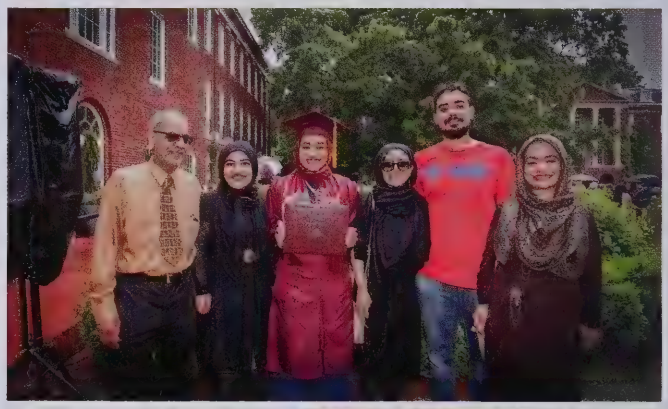
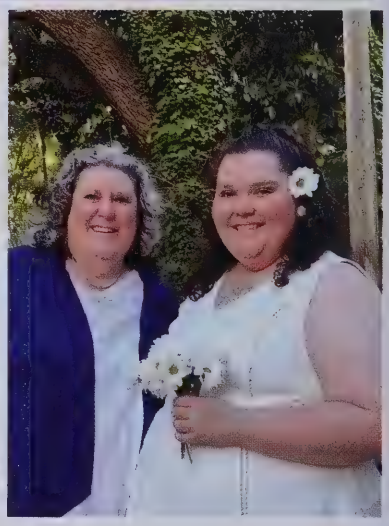
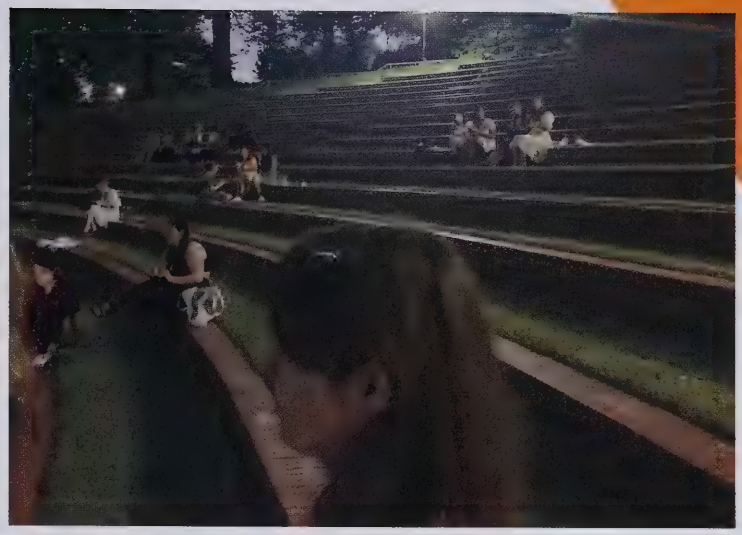
Senior Families





Every year part of commencement weekend involves celebrating the families of the senior class. This year a buffet was served after class day.



22nd Night was held on April 22nd, exactly 22 days before graduation. The theme was "It's Been Sweet" and was based around candy and sweet treats. The time capsule was opened and a candy buffet was enjoyed while listening to music from our past four years of Cornhuskin' skits and reminiscing with friends.

22nd Night

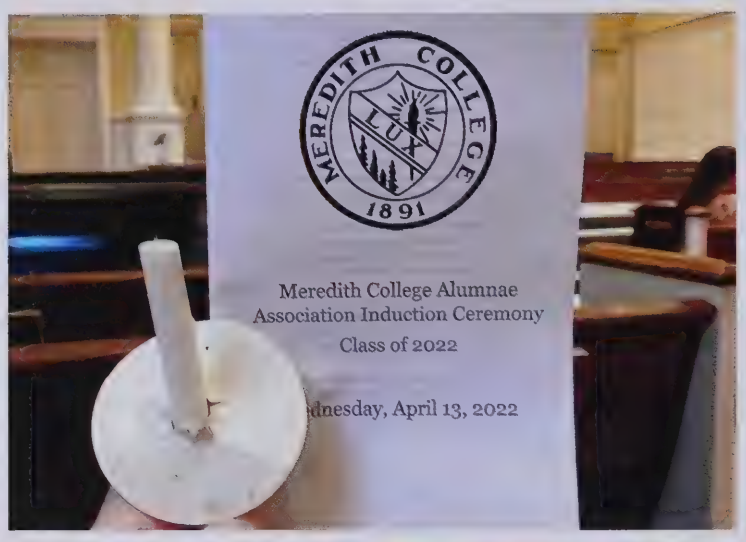
Tea For Two

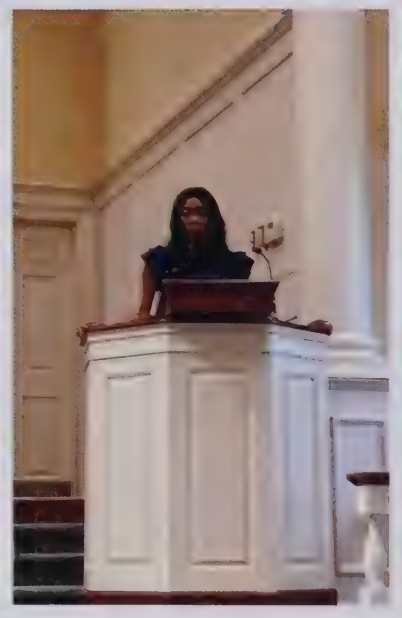
After two years of waiting for this event, the class of '22 and their female role models were finally able to sit down with a cup of tea.

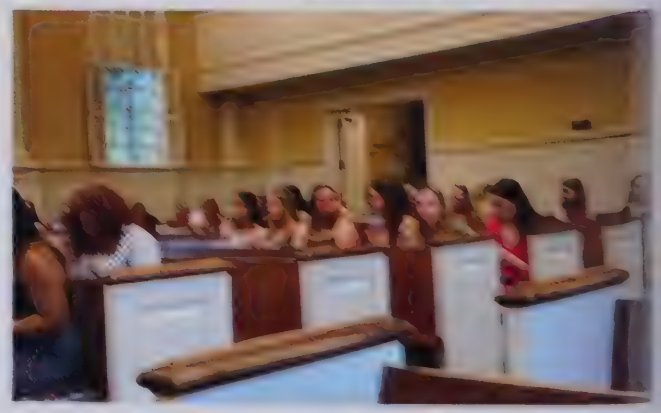
This tradition is typically held for the sophomore class, but after the pandemic postponed all traditions, it was finally the Seniors' chance to catch-up.

The theme was "Tea at Tiffany's" and featured a brunch buffet, live music, and a photo booth in the courtyard.

Alumnae Induction







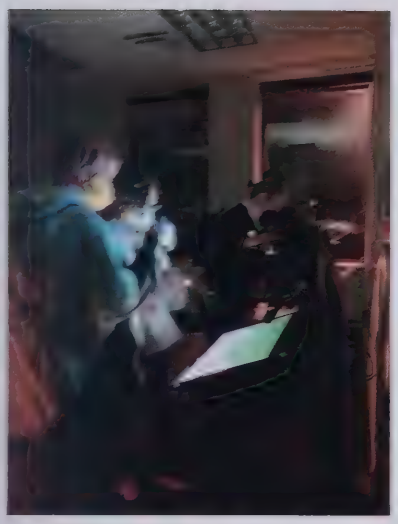
The Alumnae Induction was held in the Jones Chapel and followed by light refreshments. Members of the senior class were officially inducted inducted in as Alums, and the class doll was revealed for the first time.

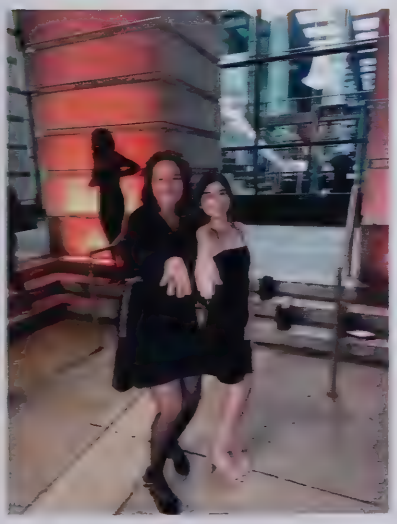
The 2022 Class Doll is named Miriam Imani Roble. Miriam is Afro-Latina and is named after Miriam Jiménez Román, an Afro-Latina activist. Her middle name, Imani, means Faith, and was chosen to represent many the different types of faith in the class of '22. Her last name, Roble, is the Spanish word for Oak, and represents the city of Raleigh, where the college has been located for many years.

Miriam wears an inclusive t-shirt, brown corduroy pants, and yellow sneakers. Her plant represents her discovered green thumb and quarantine hobby. She has her book bag to carry all of her supplies and necessities, and of course, she is not fully dressed without her Onyx! She wears this specific shirt because she is an advocate for all people.

Class Doll Reveal

Juniors/23





Junior year is a big year for a Meredith student. This year the class of 2023 became Bigs and got to meet their Littles for the first time. In October they finally got their Onyxes and learned what it was like to wear the ring. In the Spring they searched for the crook but had little luck in finding it.

Class of 2023

Aaliyah Alford

Alicia Alford

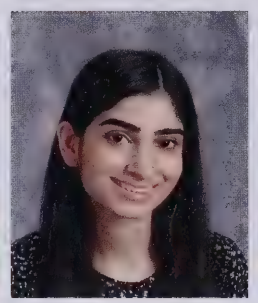
Gianna Alicea-Rochelle

Carina Alvardez Gonzalez

Allie Brinson

Abigail Campbell

Nicole Craig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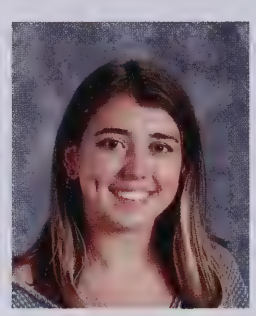
Peyton Farmer

Taylor Fipps

Carlin Fraser

Debbie Hary

Abby Inman

Madeline James

Mei Li Moo King

Juniors

Zuri Muhammad

Caroline O'Dekirk

Grace Olufemi-Ajayi

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Sadie Rounds

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Rebecca Simmons

Rachel Vanhorn

Emily Ward

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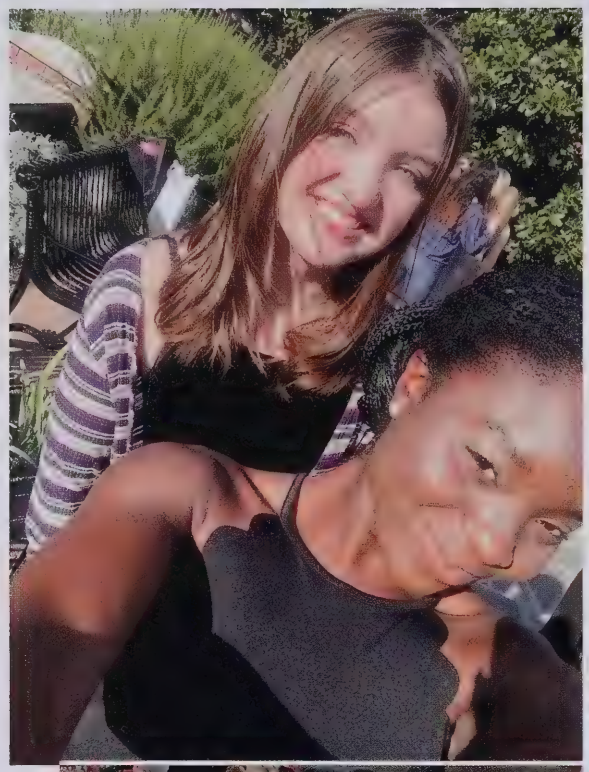
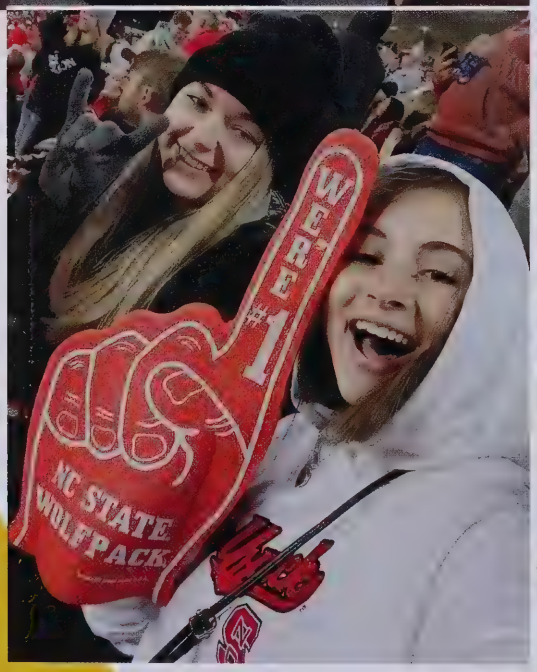
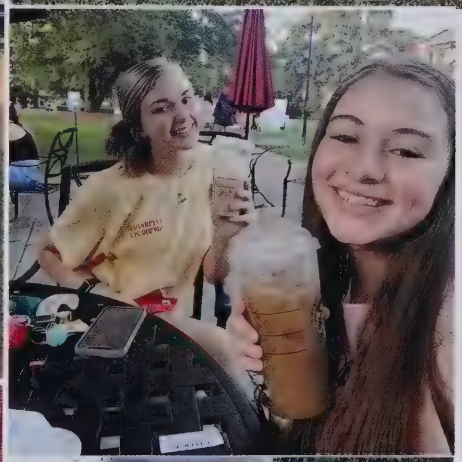
Colleena Zacharzuk

Big & Little Socials





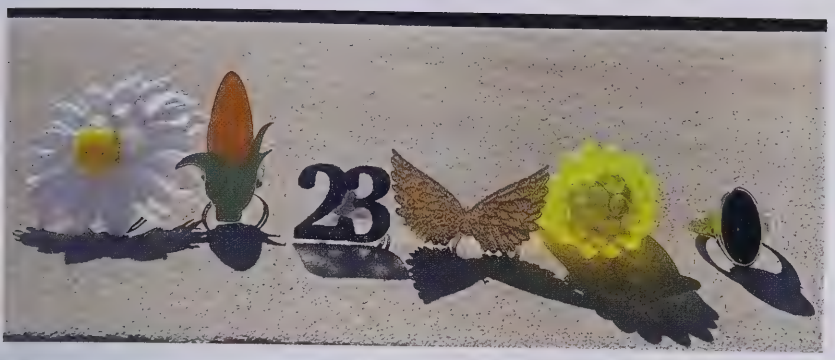


The class of '23 welcomed their little sis class, the class of '25 with a "Friends" themed event!

Ring Week

The class of 2023 celebrated ring week with five rings: a daisy, a piece of corn, the number 23, wings, and a bling ring.

Each day they donned a different ring in anticipation of the day they would get to put on the coveted Onyx ring.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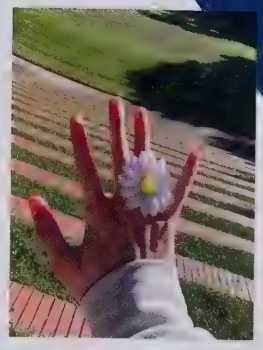

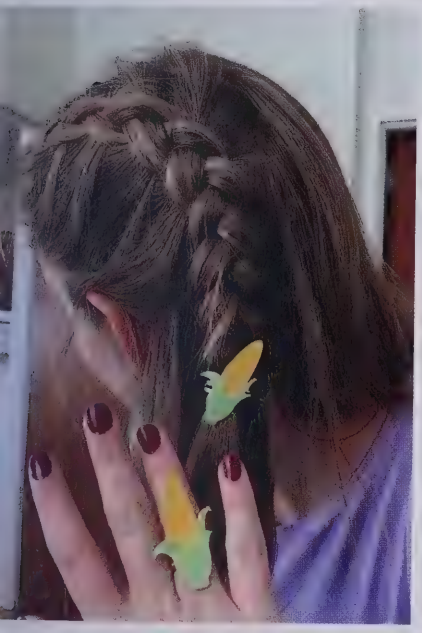

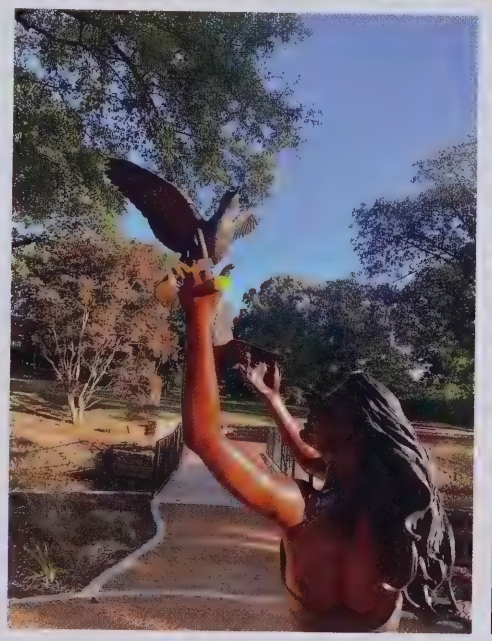

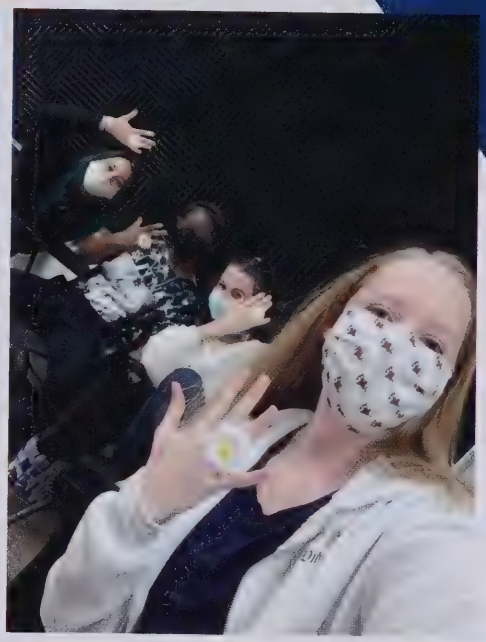

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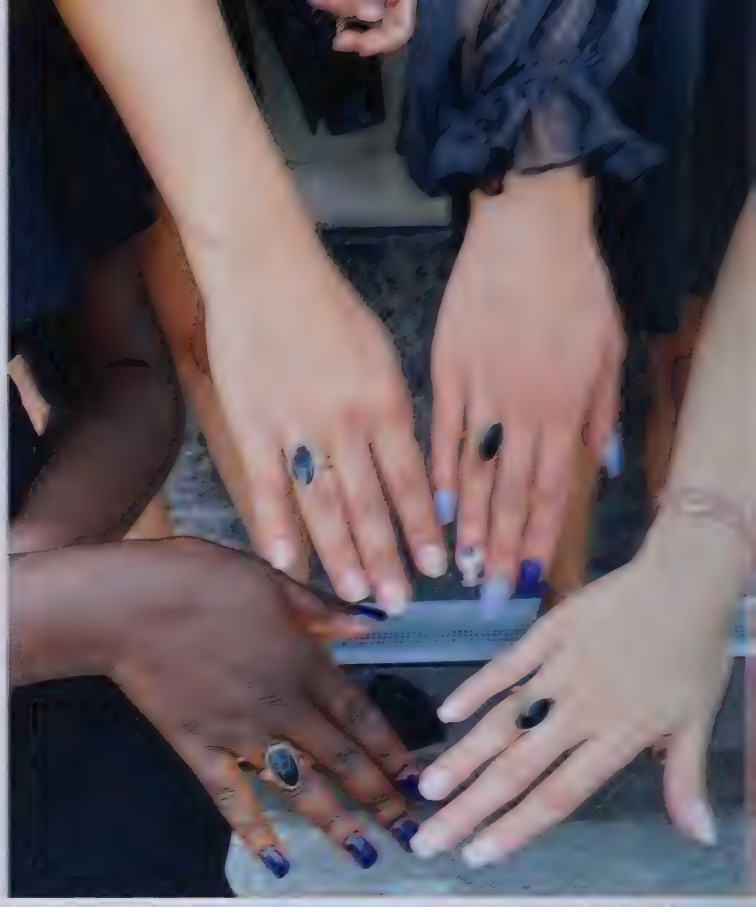
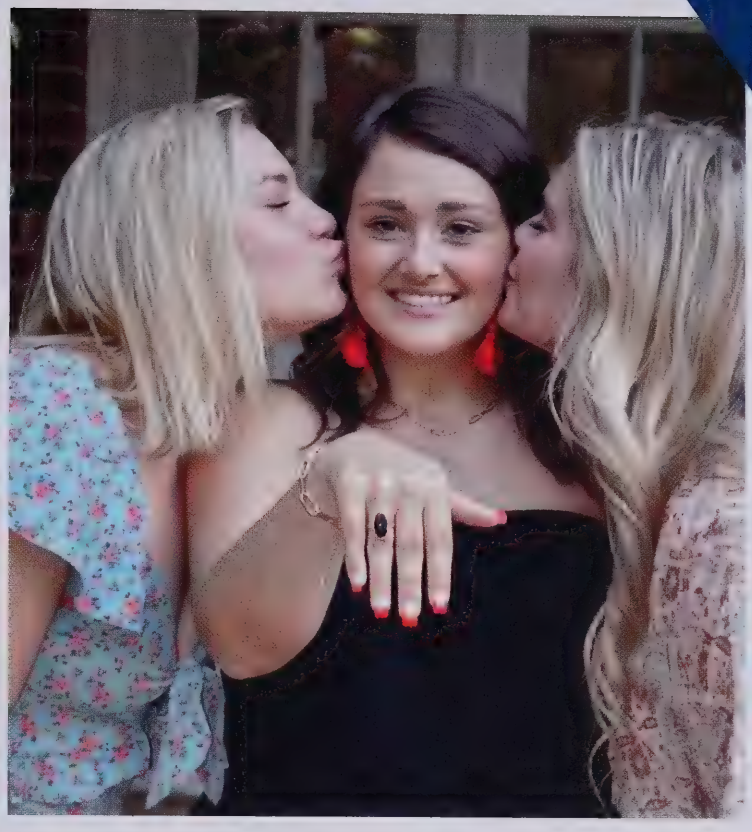
Ring Dinner

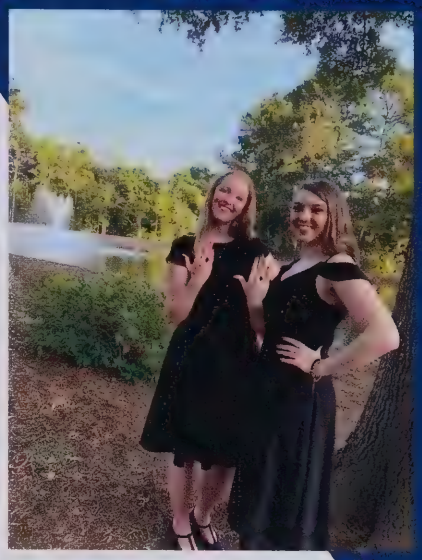


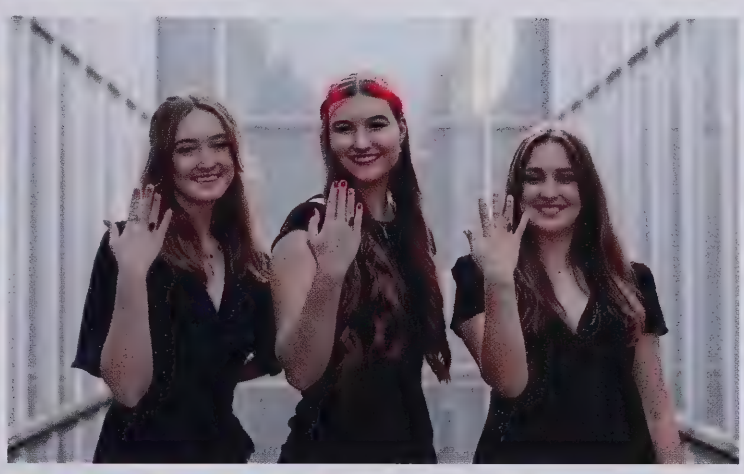
On the night of Ring Dinner, the junior class dresses in all black and takes part in a ceremony to see their rings on their fingers for the first time.

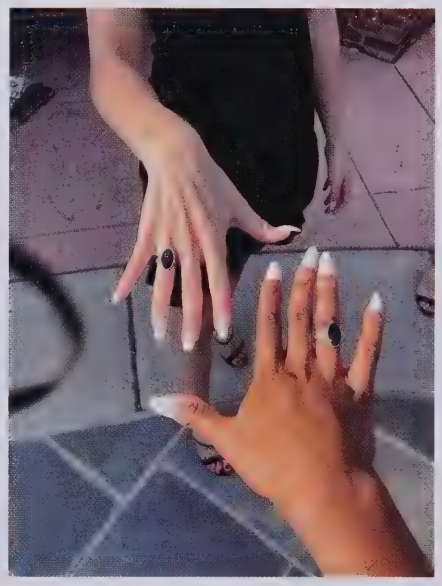
Many choose to take pictures beforehand around campus or at other fun locations.

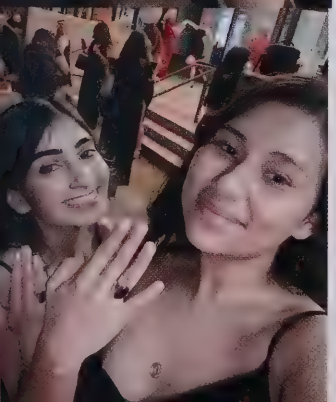
This year the ceremony took place at Meymandi Concert Hall.











The Onyx has been a symbol and tradition of Meredith College since 1953. To receive a ring, students must be a degree-seeking undergrad that has completed 60 credit hours or more.

Crook Hunt

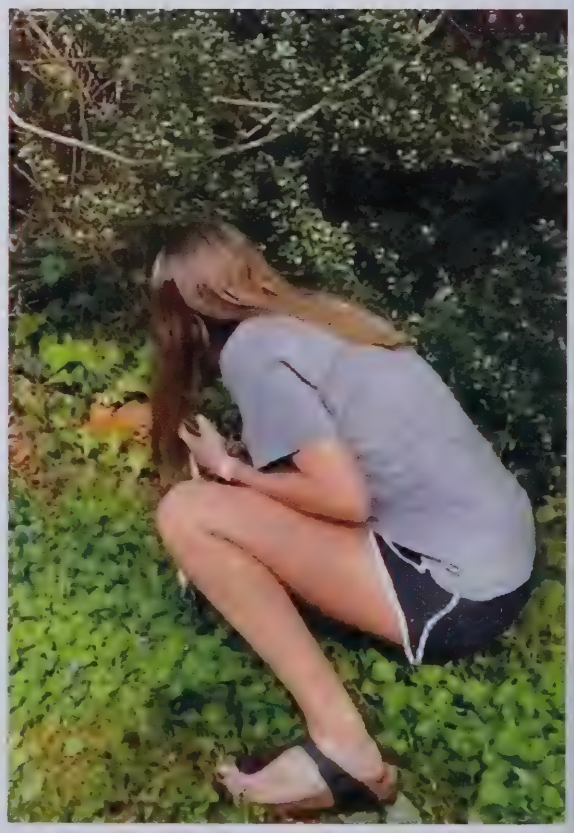
The crook was hidden by the class of 2022, and the class of 2023 had the job of searching for it. Despite days of searching, the junior class was unsuccessful in finding the crook, and on the last day, the co-chairs revealed the location.

The clues were as follows:

1. The crook is hidden near a brick wall
2. The crook is hidden near a lamp post
3. The crook is hidden next to West Campus Drive
4. The crook is not hidden near these locations
5. The crook is hidden near the Willie J. King mail room
6. The answer to the Wordle is STUDY

The crook was hidden on the west side of the Cate Center, near the mail drop off, in the bushes.

(All clues are numbered to match the descriptions above)



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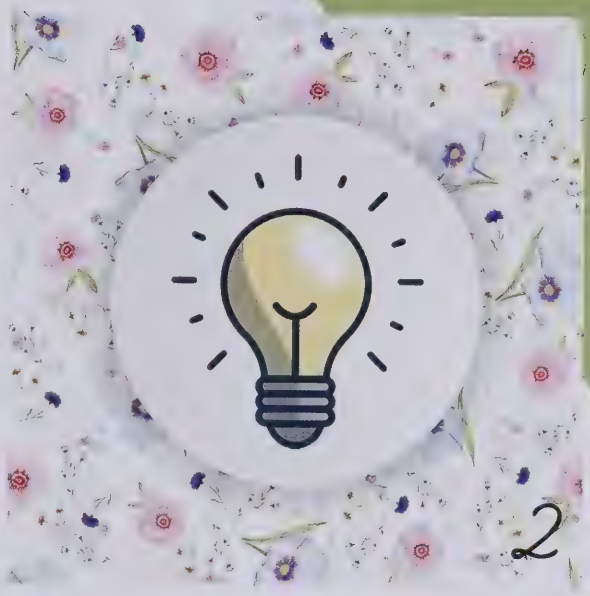

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WAINWRIGHT

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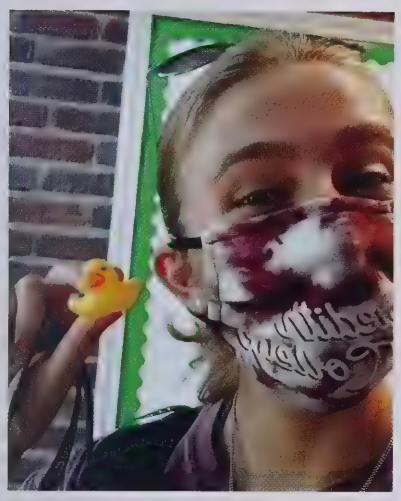
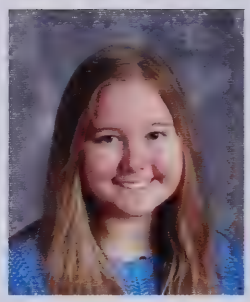
Sophomores/24



The class of 2024 had a busy year! In the Fall they experienced their very first real Cornhuskin'. In the Spring the sophomore class auditioned for the new BathTub Ring, got their Bling before the Ring, and celebrated their big sis class during class day. Time is flying as they prepare to become a big sis themselves and get their rings in just a few short months!

Class of 2024

Mackenzie Anderson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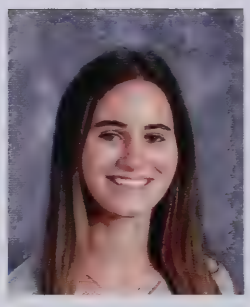
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Sophia Bogan

Cara Browning

Emily Brugler

Shelby Cox

Alexandria Crank

Andrea Dula

Katherine Erb

Jessie Harrington

Elizabeth Herrera-Mendez

Joanna Hooks

Aiman Jamadar

Savannah Jones

Mallory Kemple

Kendall Lawson

Rachel Lovin

Wanjiru Mambo

Kelsey McCray

Sophomores

Ainsley Mengel

Allison Moore

Emily Osbourn

Noelle Pearce

Adriana Pearson

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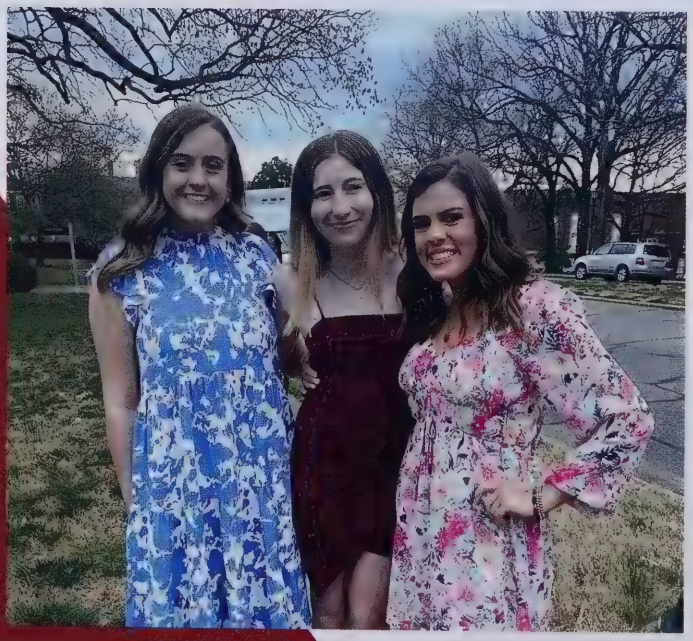
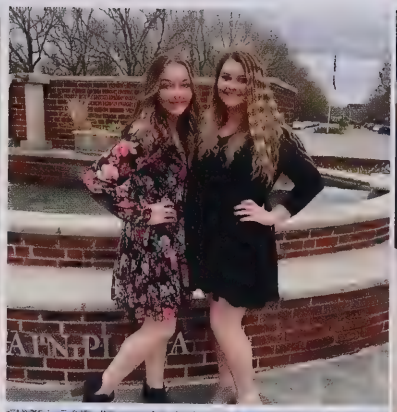
Ryleigh Skeeters

Charming Evening

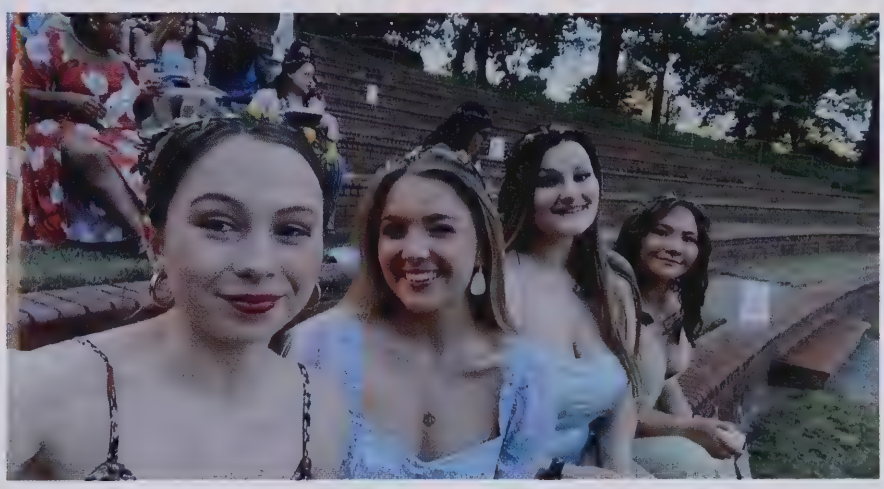




Every year in the spring, the sophomore class gets dressed up for a nice dinner where they will receive their Bling before the Ring.

This year the sophomores received a charm bracelet with a pair of wings on it.

Freshmen/25



Welcome to MC, class of 2025! The freshmen class was off to a strong start of their college careers. They began the semester with the Honor Code ceremony and meeting their Bigs. During Cornhuskin' they secured the Spirit Stick and finally got to experience it! In the spring they floated the good and burned the bad at a fantasy-themed Fire and Water ceremony.

Class of 2025

Daniella Alvarado

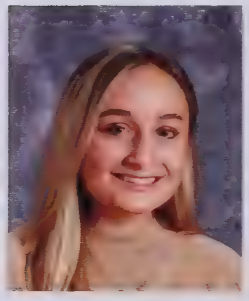
Andrea Araya

Natalie Barlow

Hailey Barnes

Kaitlyn Bartholomew

Nafissa Bia


McKenzie Bowling

Claire Brent

Rheanne Burden

Destiny Calvin

Ella Cannon

Melissa Carrada Ramos

Madelyn Clark

Anna Cochran

Madelyne Comley

Micaela Deadwyler

Kerry Desimone

Margaret Devitt

Destini Dockum

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Freshmen

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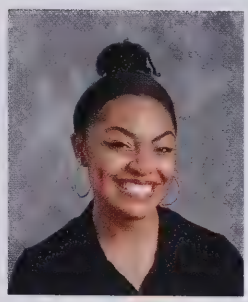
Oriana Flores

Olivia Fowlkes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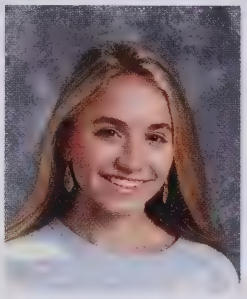
Keeli Harrison

Rachel Heavlin

Madison Helton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Lisa Holland

Taylor Houyoux

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Hadleigh John

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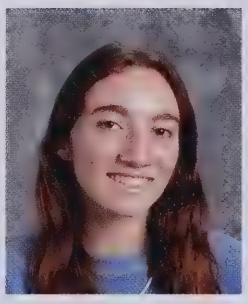
Hailey Martin

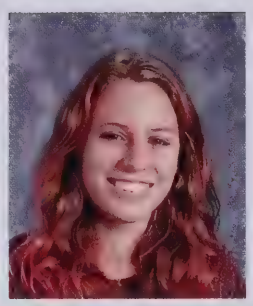
Joy McCreary


Victoria Negron

Annalee Nelson

Class of 2025

Sydney Nelson


Ava New

Sarah Caroline O'Daniel

Hannah O'Neal

Taylor O'Neal

Brynn Oliver

Paxtyn Rawls

Emma Relota

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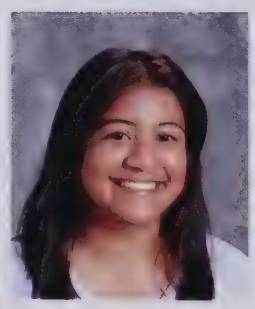
Karen Saavedra


Jakelin Santos Reyes

Stephanie Singer

Meghan Spencer

Freshmen

Mac Stafford

Cady Stanley

Grace Stutz

Cynthia Ariana Sky Styron Sanchez

Zoe Suitt

Lydia Surprenant

Sky Symonds

Nevaeh Tucker

Rachel Vargas Paniagua

Melissa Vargas-Chavez

Sierra Wainscott

Mikayla Watts

Charlotte Waughtel

Anna-Grace Wilkinson

Jada Zaragoza

Move In Day

Welcome
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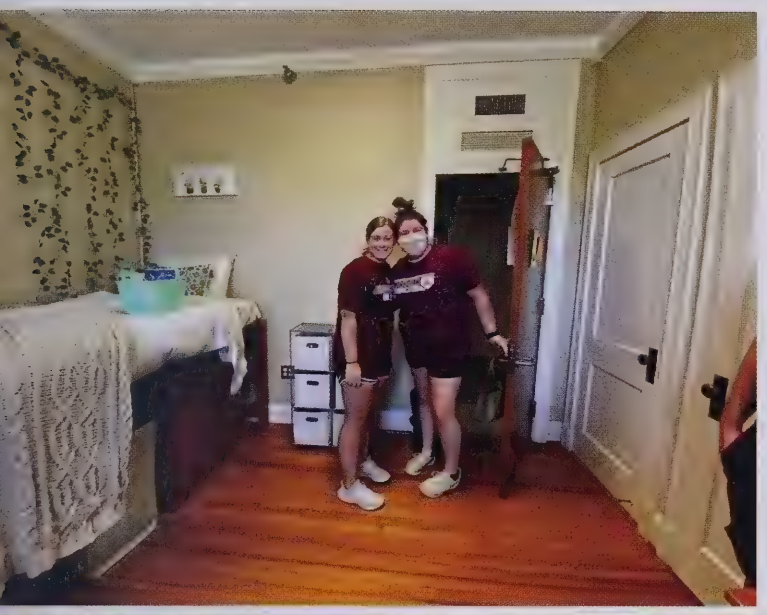
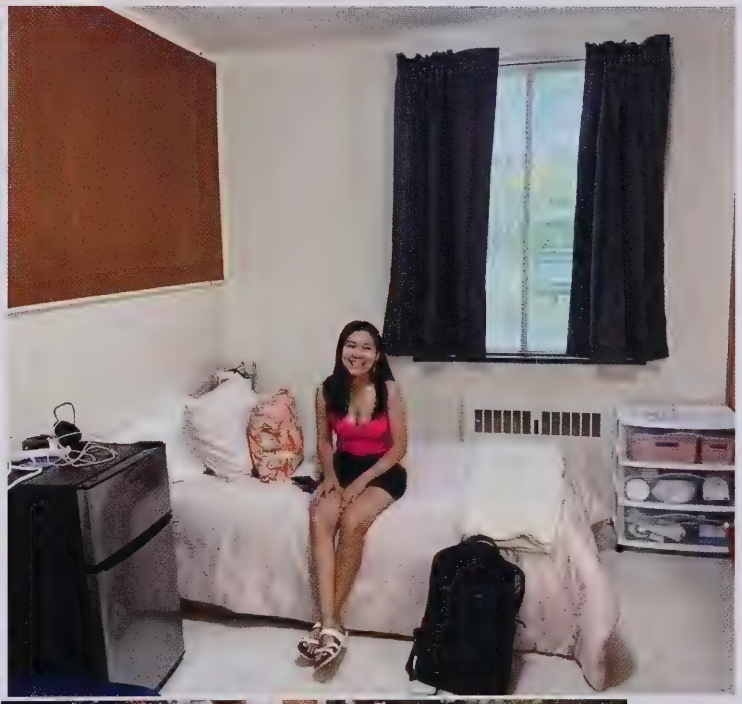


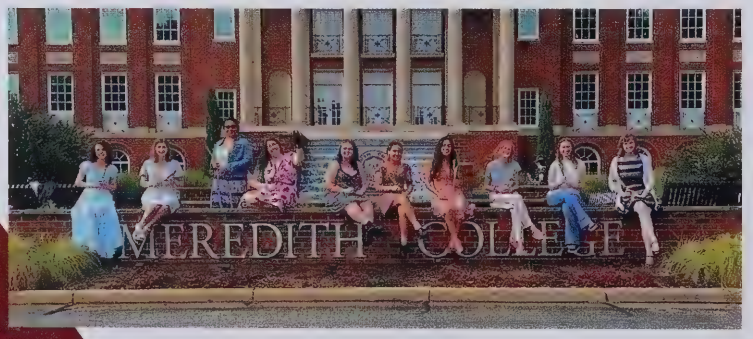
With the balloon arch up and tons of enthusiasm, we welcome the class of 2025 to campus! There was plenty of excitement among the new students setting up their rooms, meeting their roommate and suitemates, getting settled in, and making new friends.

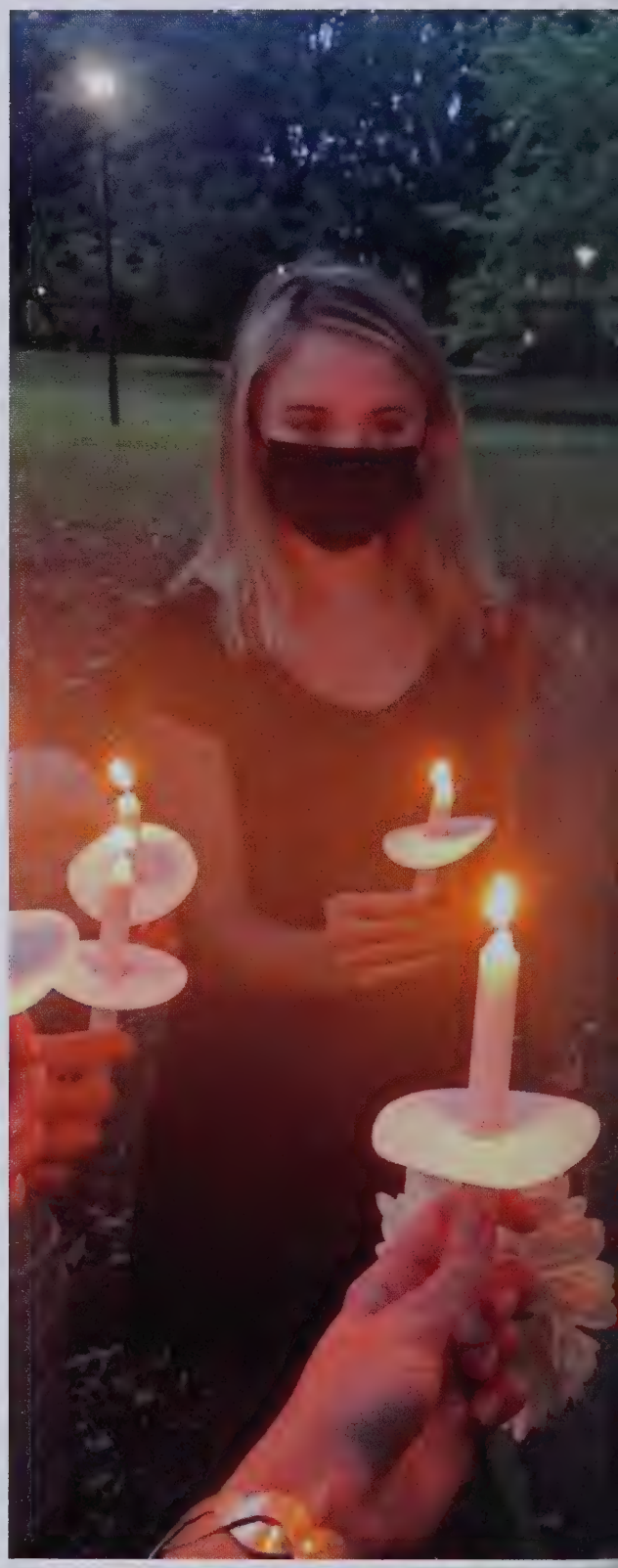


Honor Code

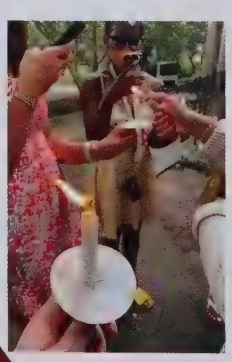
I do solemnly pledge on my honor that as long as I am a student at Meredith College, I will faithfully uphold the principles of the Honor Code and will respect and observe the procedures and requirements of the Honor System. I also pledge my support to our system of self-government, an integral part of our way of life at Meredith College. I make this pledge in view of my fellow students thus signifying our high resolve to keep our honor forever sacred and our self-government forever strong.

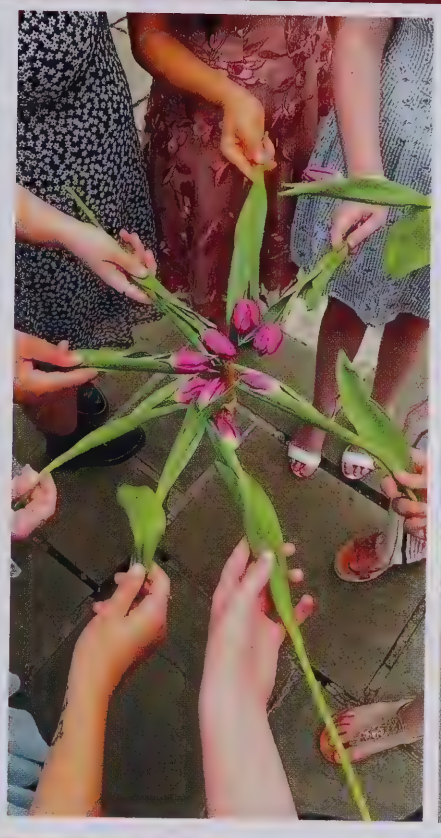
For the first time since 2019, the Honor Code ceremony was held in person and outside. Once the ceremony is completed and the honor pledge is signed, the new class of Angels is officially enrolled at Meredith College!





Lighting the Way





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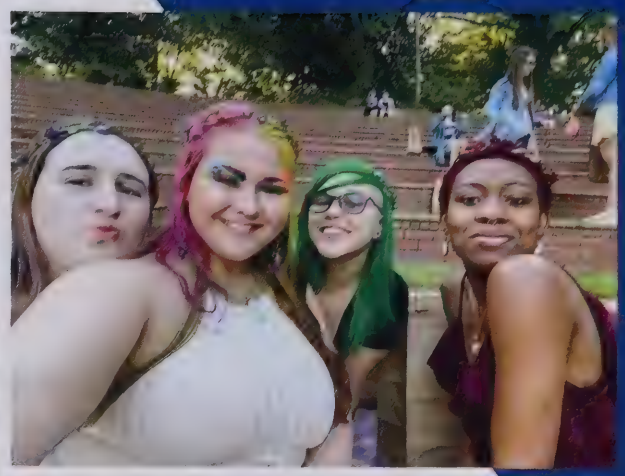
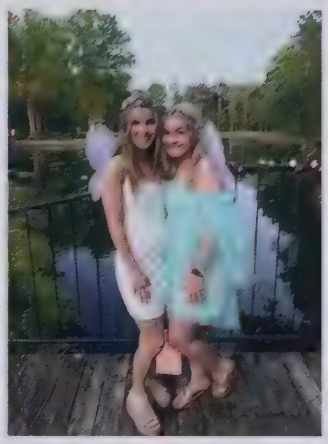
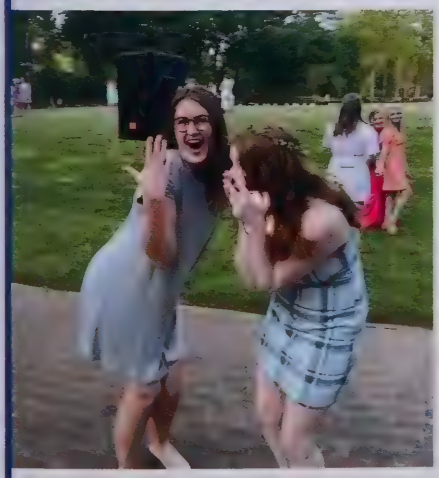
Fire & Water

Fire & Water is a freshmen tradition at the end of the Spring semester where the freshmen gather to remember the good memories as well as the bad.

This year it wasn't just the class of 2025: their big sister class, 2023, joined them for a portion of the evening, as did NC State's a cappella group, Grains of Time.







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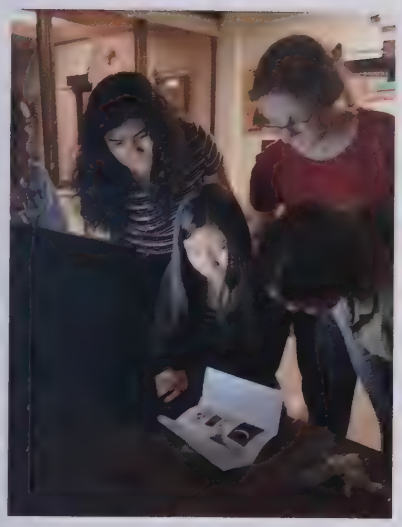
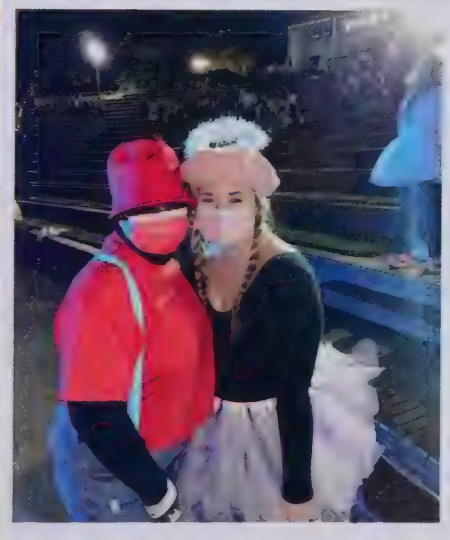
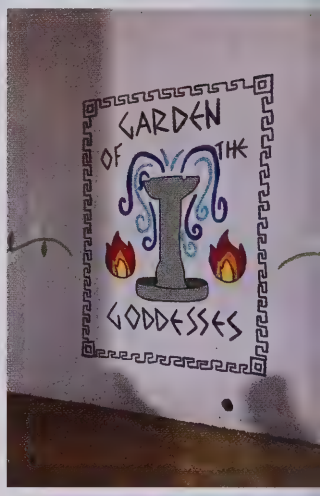
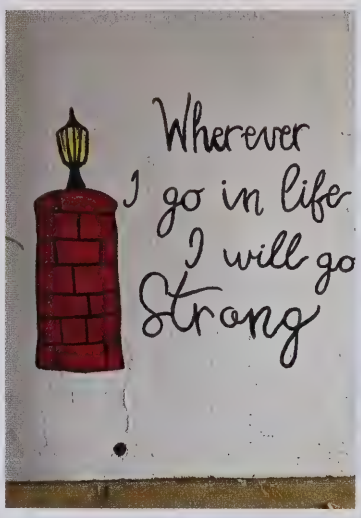


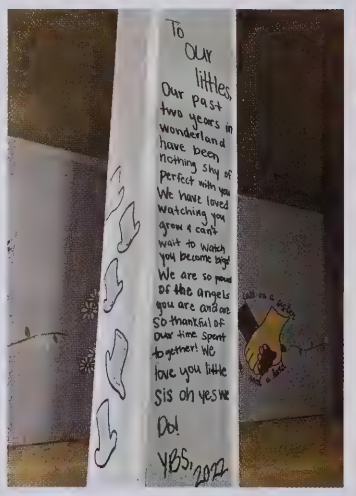


Cornhuskin'

Tunnel Reveal







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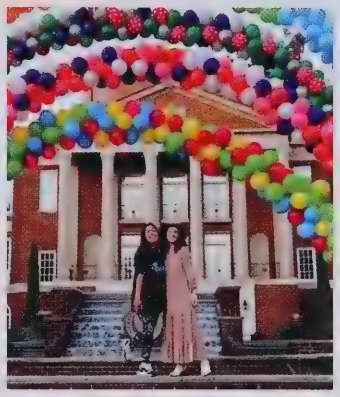
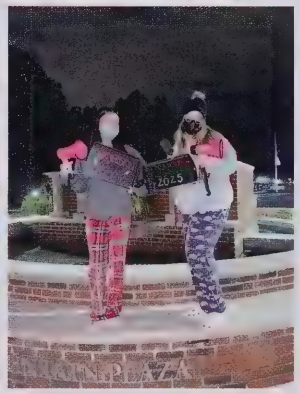




Big/Lil Bonfire

Cornhuskin'

Can Art

Themes:
Freshmen- "Sunny Days Ahead"

Sophomore- "Super Spy"

Junior- "A Bling Out of This World"

Senior- "Merio Cart: Race to the Finish"

Freshmen

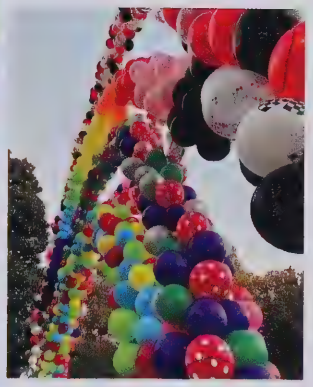
Juniors

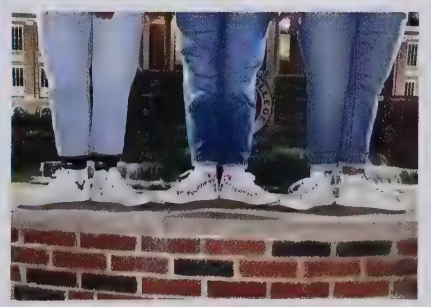
Sophomores

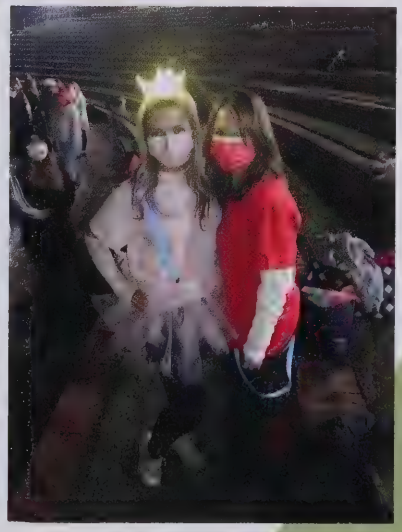
Seniors

Because of COVID-19, only students participating in can art were permitted to view the event, but each team did an amazing job of supporting one another throughout the process. Can art is a perfect example of the strong sisterhood at Meredith.

Main Event







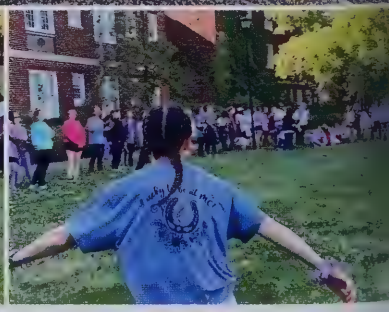
Cornhuskin' 2021 was much different than in years prior. Not only was the main event moved up an entire day due to inclement weather, it was also limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The senior and sophomore classes were able to view each other's performances, and the junior and freshmen class viewed each other's.

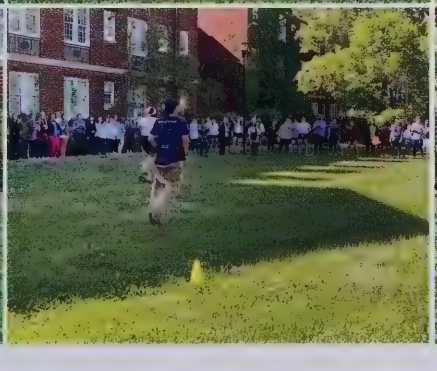
Stunt

Stunt is a field day style event where the classes compete against each other.

Events include limbo, tug of war, relay races, and a lip sync battle.

This year the theme was "Lucky to be at MC."





Spring Formal

For the first time since 2019, the Spring Formal was held. This year the decision was made to keep the event on campus, and to hold it in the completely re-imagined Cate parking lot.

Students danced the night away, ate good food, and took plenty of pictures at the free photo booth.

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AN Evening UNDER THE Stars
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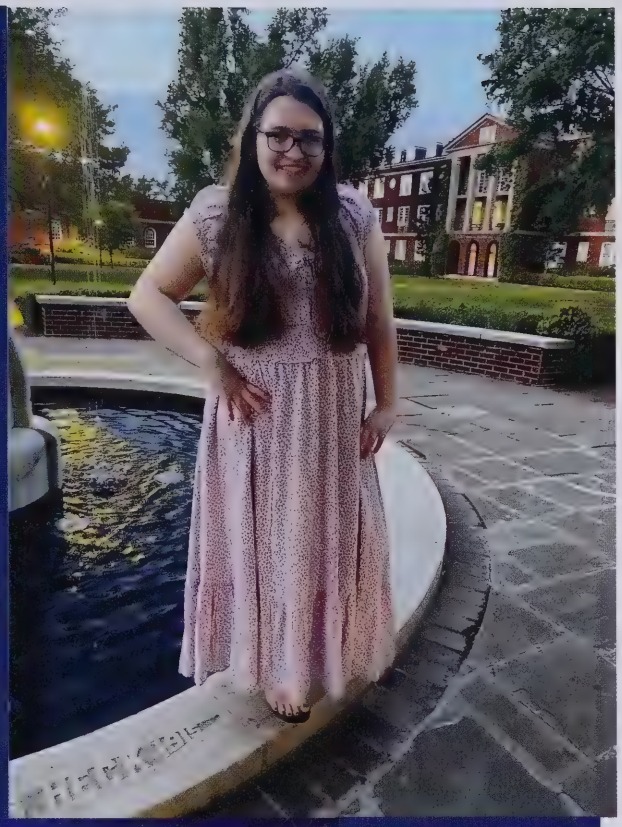

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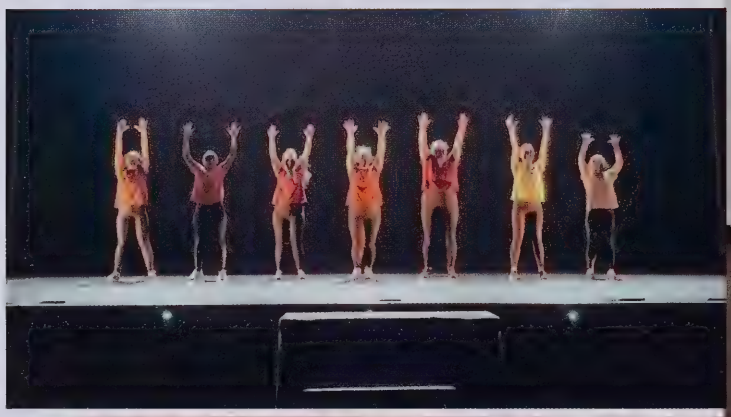
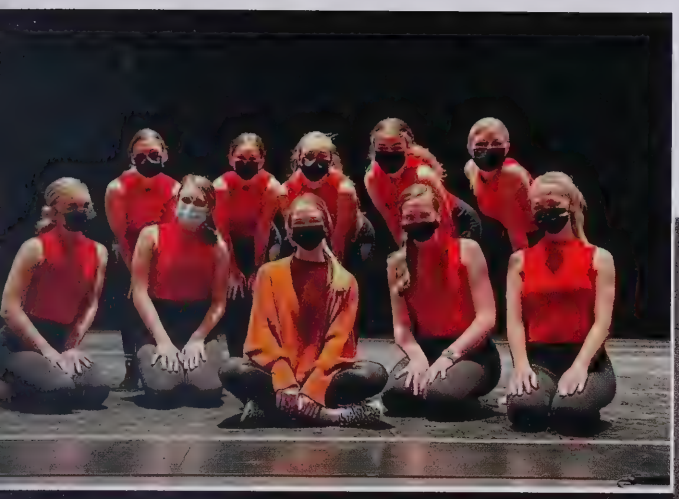
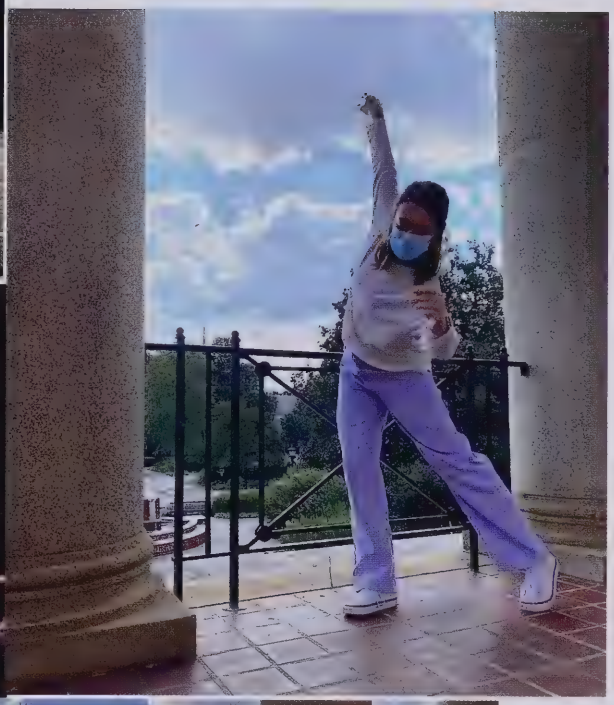
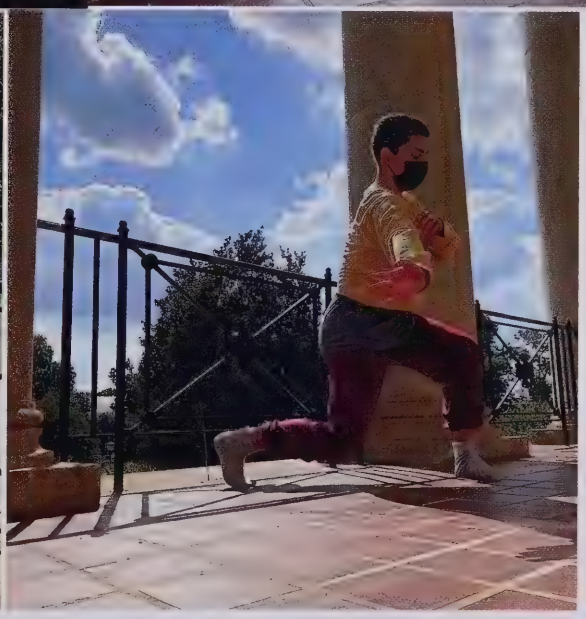
Dance









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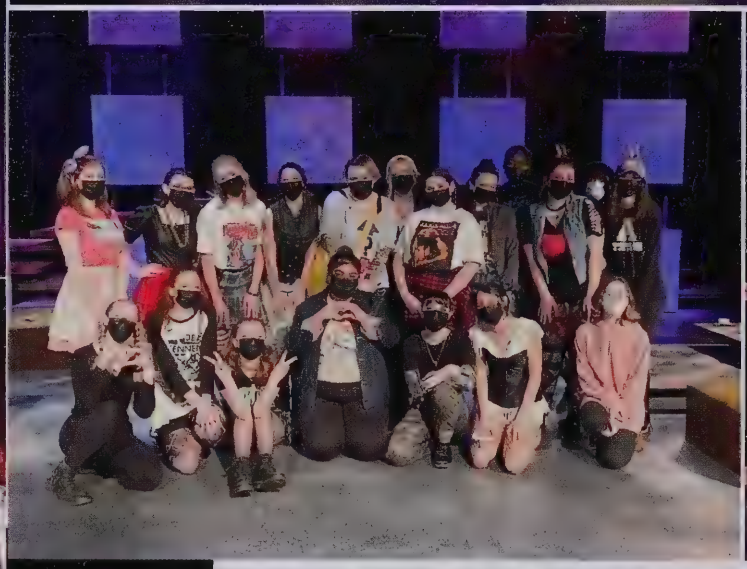

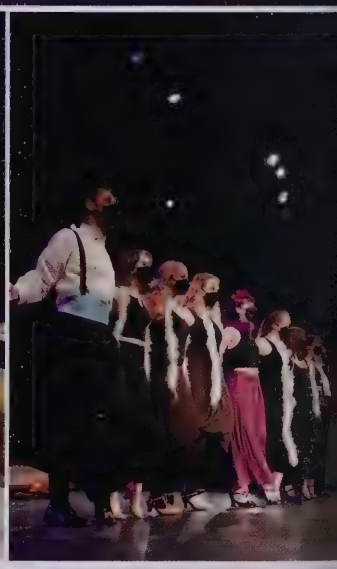

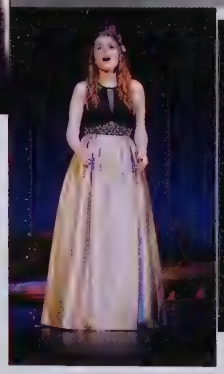

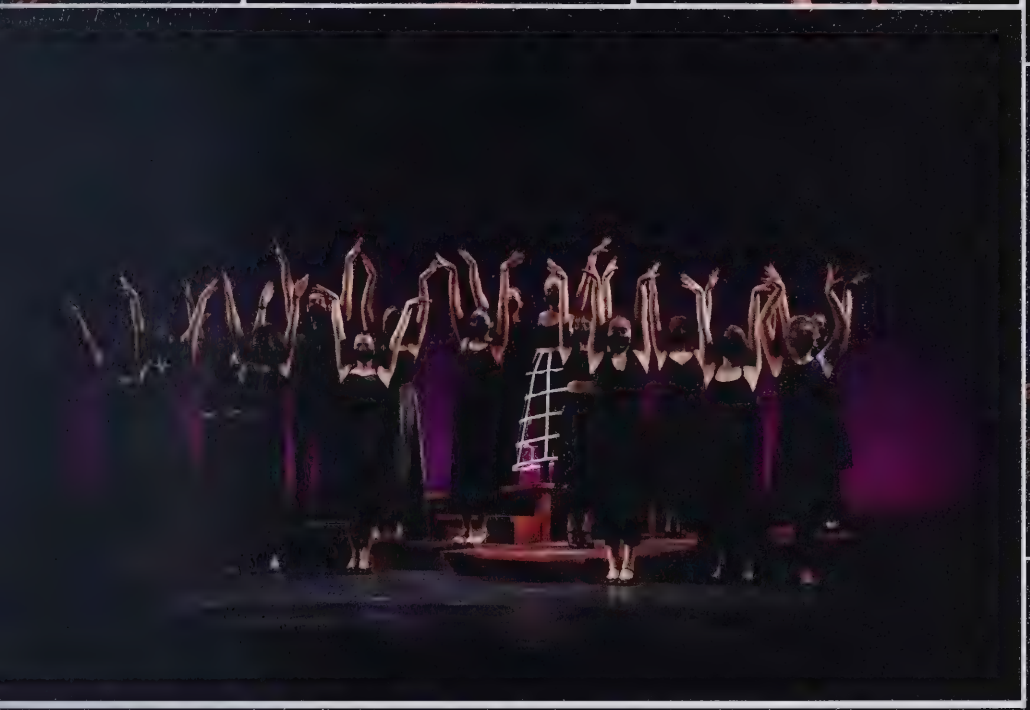
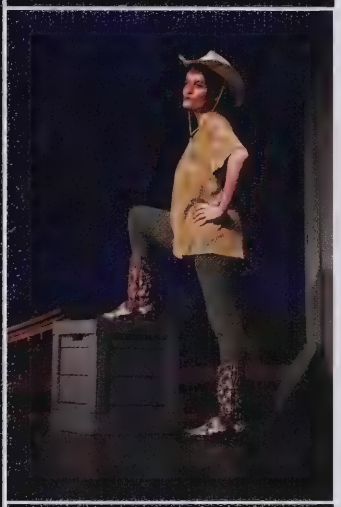

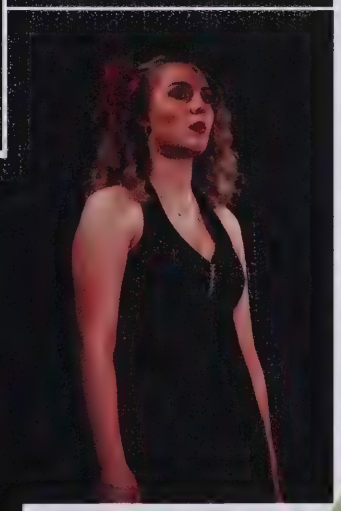

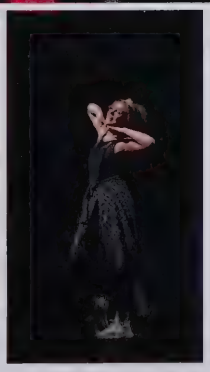

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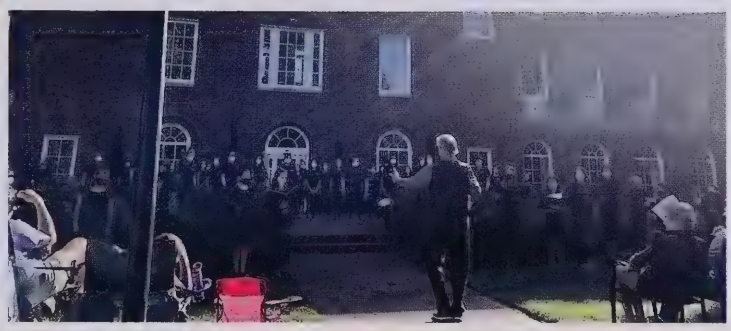

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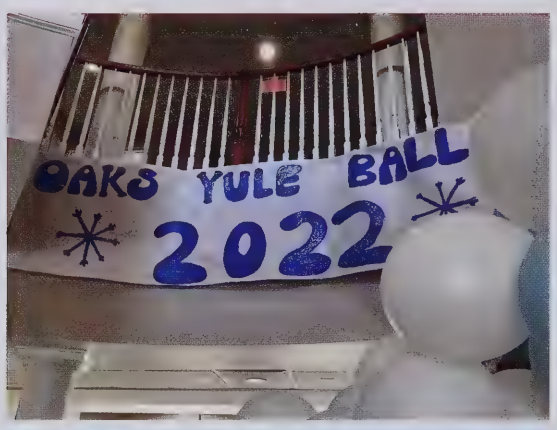

Residence Life is more than just living on campus. Every year Residence Life hosts fun events for students.

This year's events included bonfires, pancakes, and for Oaks Residents, a Yule Ball.

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Meredith Through the Seasons

Autumn

The changing of the season brings change around campus. Autumn brings a beautiful changing of leaves and students getting excited for Corn and the holiday season. Spring brings people out into the courtyards to study in the grass and admire the beautiful flowers.

Winter

Spring

Faculty/Staff Throwback

1. "I rocked that bowl cut for many years."

2. "My mom and me the year I graduated."

3."My husband, Bill, and I are on our way to attending an event at Meredith. I was a brand new faculty member and the year was 1988!"

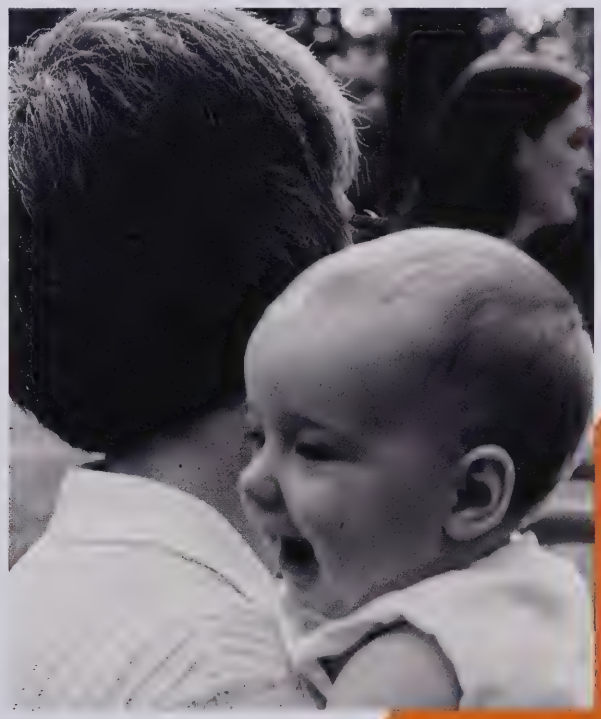
Guess Who?

We asked our faculty and staff to send us a throwback picture of themselves. Can you guess which Meredith employee each picture belongs to?

For the answers go to page 127!

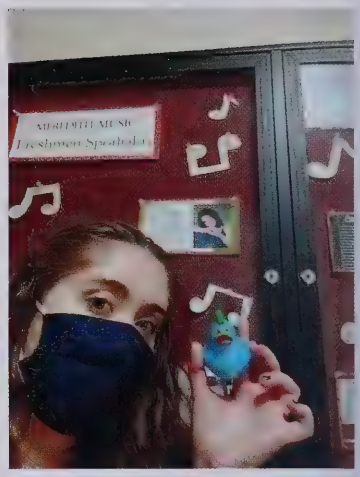
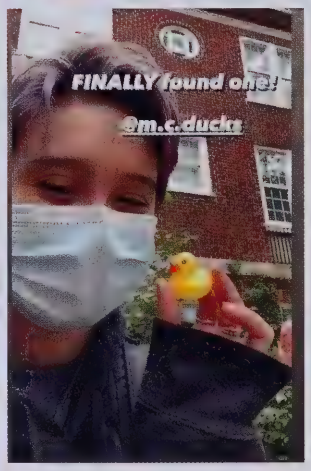
4. "I was a wild driver from the very beginning!"

5. "This is me teaching my first-ever student."



6. "I'm pictured here at 6 months old, with my mother, Sybil."

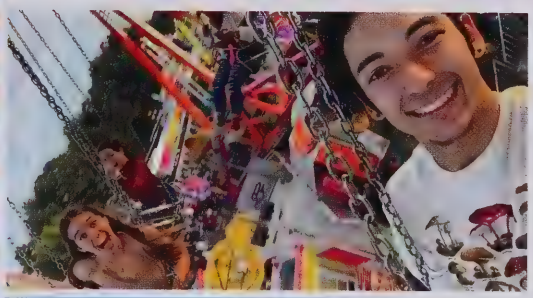
MC Ducks

Hey! My name is Elisabeth (Izzy) Statler and I am M.C. Ducks! I studied International Studies and Business Administration. You may have seen me in Joyner/Lux, Harris, working in the campus store or working at athletic games. I came to Meredith from an early college back in 2020. I am affiliated with both: the class of 2022 (my graduating class) and 2024 (my original class). Since I knew I would only be here for 2 years, I knew that I would miss out on a lot of traditions due to Covid and graduating early. This means a majority of the traditions I did attend were either held on zoom or socially distanced. A few of the major traditions I missed included my induction to Meredith (zoom), my ring ceremony, and the performance of Alice in Wonderland. When I started M.C. Ducks, I did not think it would become so popular. It started as a 2 AM idea I had in my dorm with my roommate a few days before classes started in August of 2021. I was worried in the beginning, doubting people would be on board since it was in the middle of covid. Soon the page blew up; students all over campus messaged me with their photos and comments about how unique the ducks were; some even called it a new tradition. I think of M.C. Ducks as my own tradition since I missed so much, and I see it as my way of showing who I am, even if people didn't know who I was personally. I mean; come on, you can't tell me 10 years down the road you aren't gonna remember that time at Meredith when a random chick hid ducks around campus. While running M.C. Ducks, I personally purchased the ducks and pigs. All of the themed ducks were donated, and I received a cash donation to buy more ducks to hide. Future activity on the page will continue, but whether it will be on campus or off campus is still up in the air. To end on a short note, I'd like to thank you all. I am truly grateful that so many people participated and supported M.C. Ducks. I could not have done this without you guys.

Special thanks to: Emily, Ellie, Sara, Asher, Travis, and Katherine

Fun at the Fair



With the State Fair finally being back after the pandemic, we knew that "Nothing Could Be Finer" than showcasing some Angels enjoying the fair this year.

From going on rides to eating funnel cake and roasted corn, the fair is a must for many students.

Snow Days

When it snows on campus, Meredith Angels turn into Snow Angels!

This year's snowfall brought tons of fun, from snowball fights to hot drinks and building snowmen with friends.

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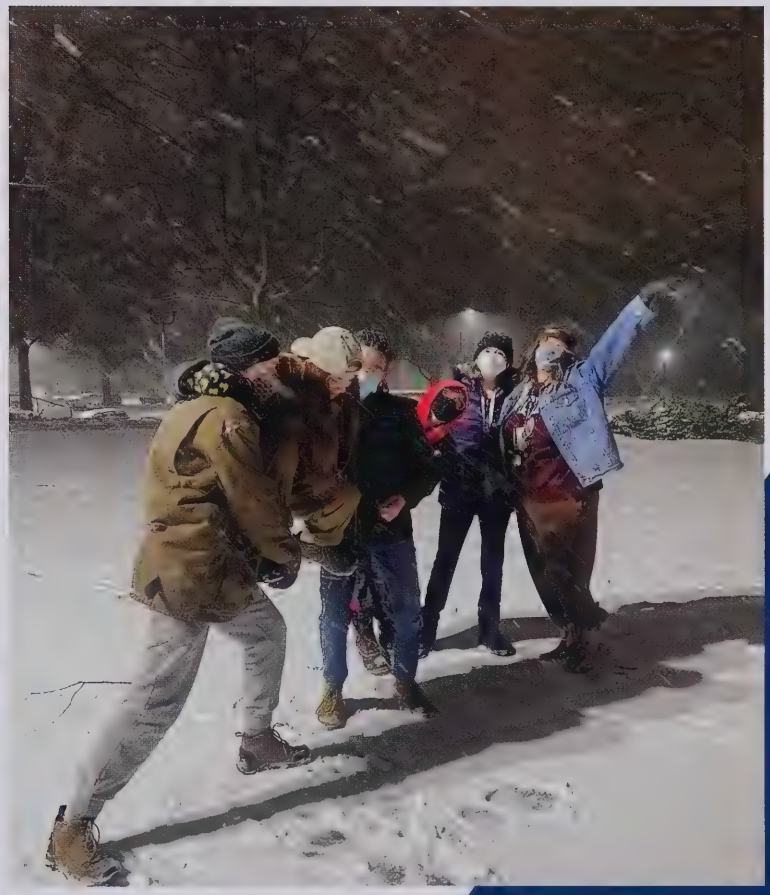

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CSA Day

La Hermandad Award on behalf of La Tertulia & Angeles Latinas

Yakira Gonzalez

BSU Service and Dedication Award

Destiny Calvin

Angels for Disability Advocacy Award

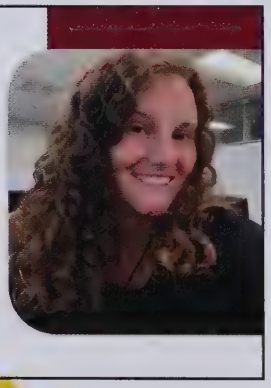
Rebecca Simmons

Erika Woodlief Social Leadership Award

Elizabeth Rohs

Outstanding Leadership and Service to Study Abroad

Laura Oakley



SGA Outstanding Leadership & Service Award

Grace Olufemi-Ajayi

WINGS Outstanding Member Award

Valerie Esther Rodriguez Jusino

CSA Day, also known as Celebrating Student Achievement, is an event held every Spring to celebrate the accomplishments of students throughout the year.

Meredith Activities Board Service & Dedication Award

Olivia Kovach

Outstanding Leadership and Service to Study Abroad

Raynor Dail

MRA Service and Dedication Award

Mary Grace Teachey

WINGS Outstanding Leadership Award

Tylena T. Brown

Top Student Advisor Award

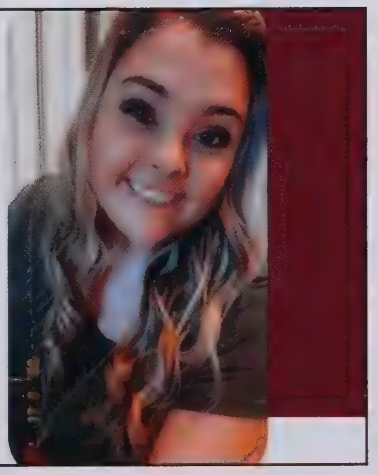
Sarah Page

Top Student Advisor Award

Mitxi Ortiz Diaz

RHA ABCD Award

Sam Bowes



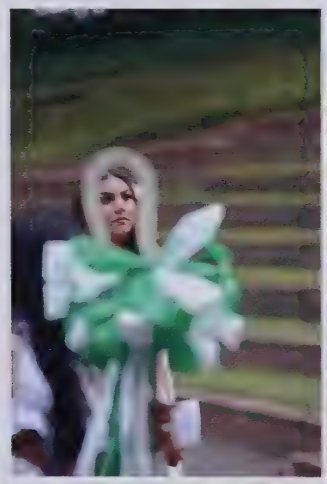
CSA Day was held as a hybrid event this year with awards ceremonies being held online, presentations being held in a hybrid style, and other events, such as inductions, being held in person.

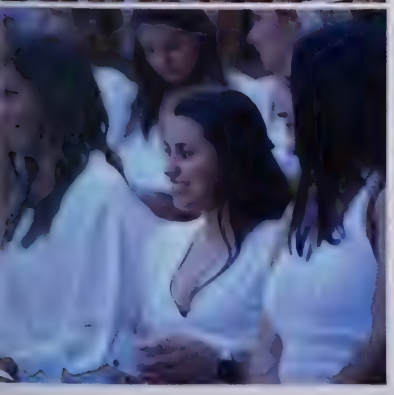
Class Day

The class of 2024 celebrated the class of 2022 during Class Day. The ceremony starts off with the senior class walking down the amphitheater steps between the daisy chains being carried by the sophomores.

Both the class of '22 and class of '24 BathTub Rings sang classic songs. The new group was also introduced.

Once the daisy chains were laid on the amphitheater in the shape of the numerals 22, the sophomores exited the amphitheater while the senior class rushed the chains to grab a few daisies to keep.



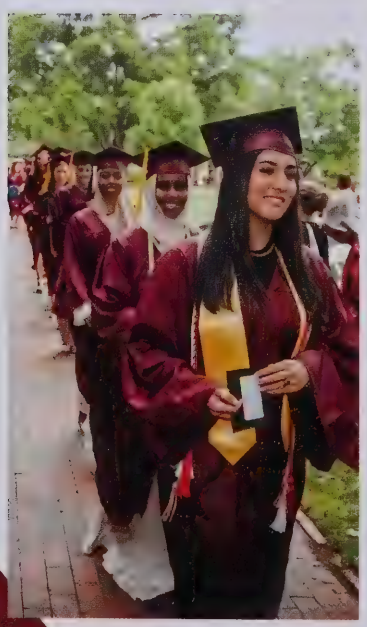


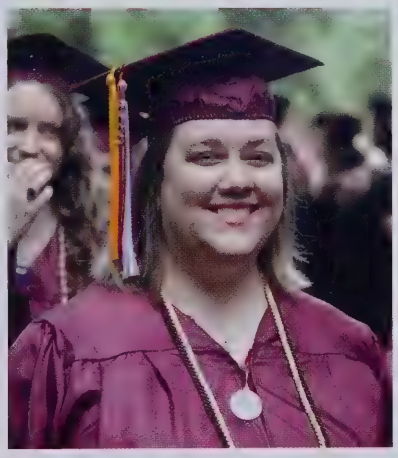
Commencement

Commencement was held in two sessions. Students were given the choice of which ceremony they would like to attend.

The first ceremony went without a hitch, and the second ceremony was just as great, but a bit wet as it began to rain in the middle of names being called. Everyone hung in there though with umbrellas in tow.

In the end there were cheers, laughter, and tears from everyone as they celebrated the hard work of the last four years.





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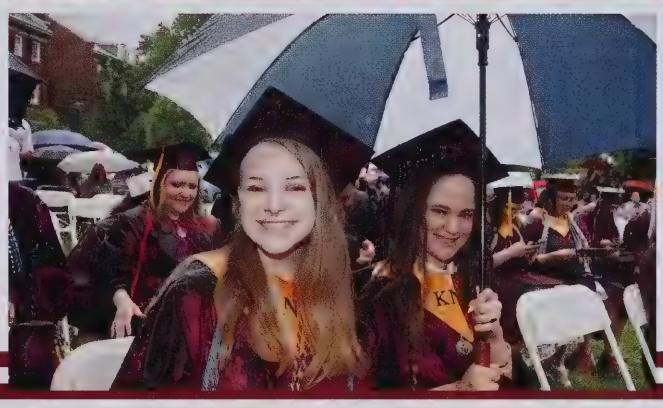
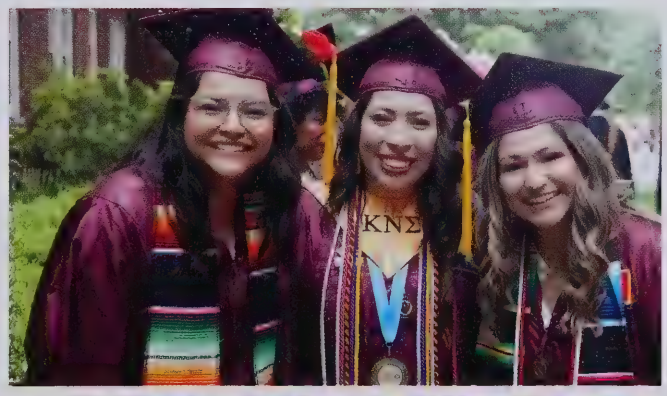
Commencement

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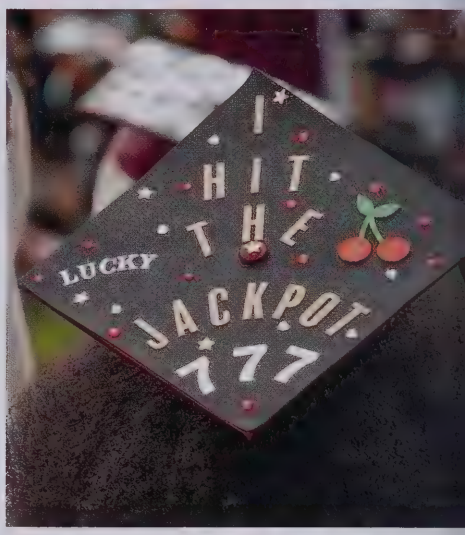
Caps

Wherever God Plants me I will Bloom with Grace


LUCKY
I HIT THE JACKPOT
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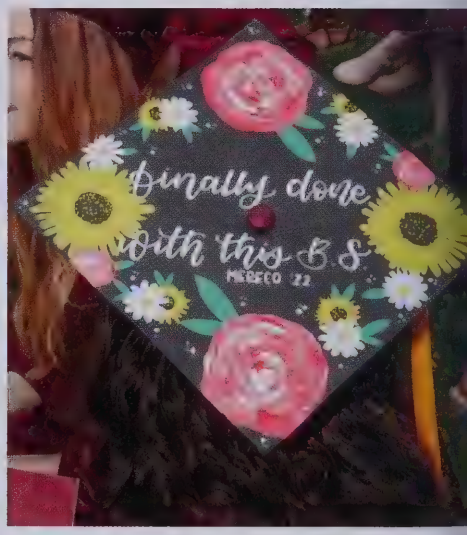
EVEN IF YOU FEEL LOST SPREAD YOUR WINGS
AND THE WIND WILL CARRY YOU

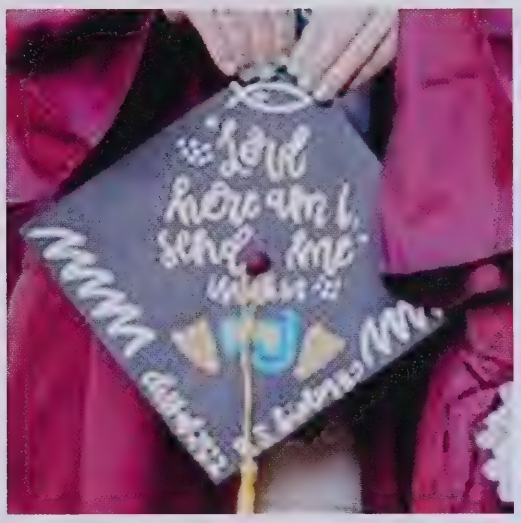

Finally done with this B.S
MCBECO 22

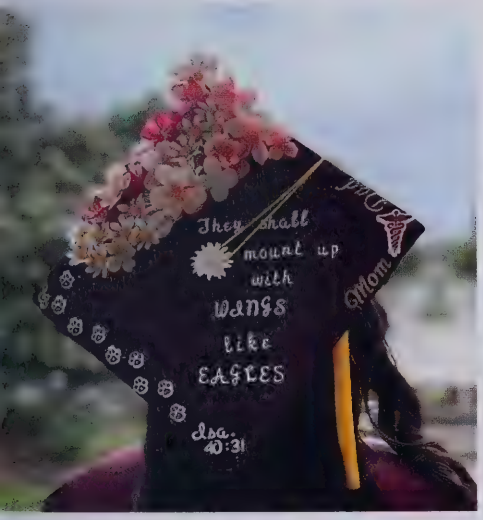
A sweet Ending To A NEW Beginning

Blessed are the Believed
LUKE 1:45

History has its eyes on me

and so the investigation begins...


Lord
here am I,
send me
Isaiah 6:8


They shall
mount up
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like
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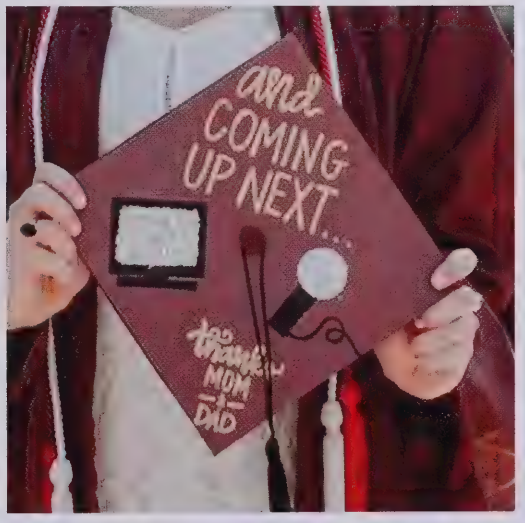
40:31
Mom


and
COMING
UP NEXT...
Thank
MOM
DAD

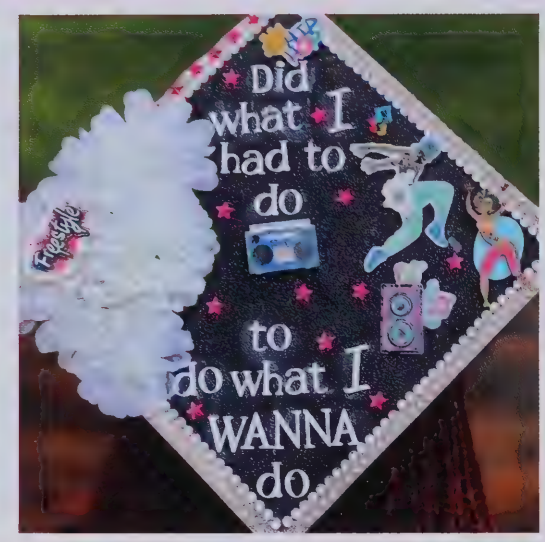
Social work
is a work
of heart

be
strong
and
courageous

Class
2022

Wonderland
I just have to
experience it!

Caps


Did what I had to do
to do what I WANNA do

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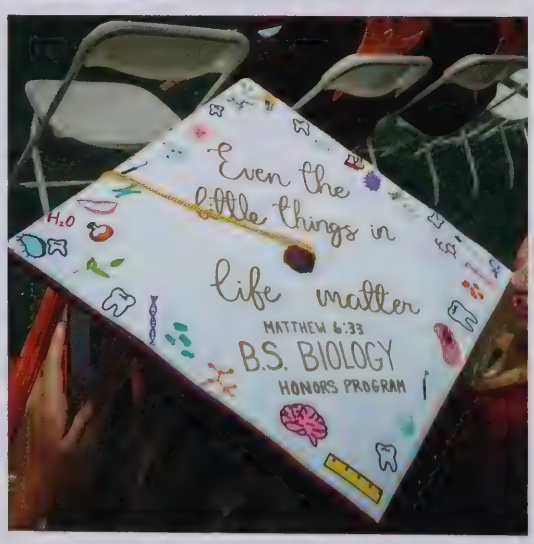
Greatness
From
Beginnings

GONE


Even the little things in life matter
MATTHEW 6:33
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HONORS PROGRAM

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YOU ARE
WHAT
STRONG
LOOKS LIKE.

Admissions

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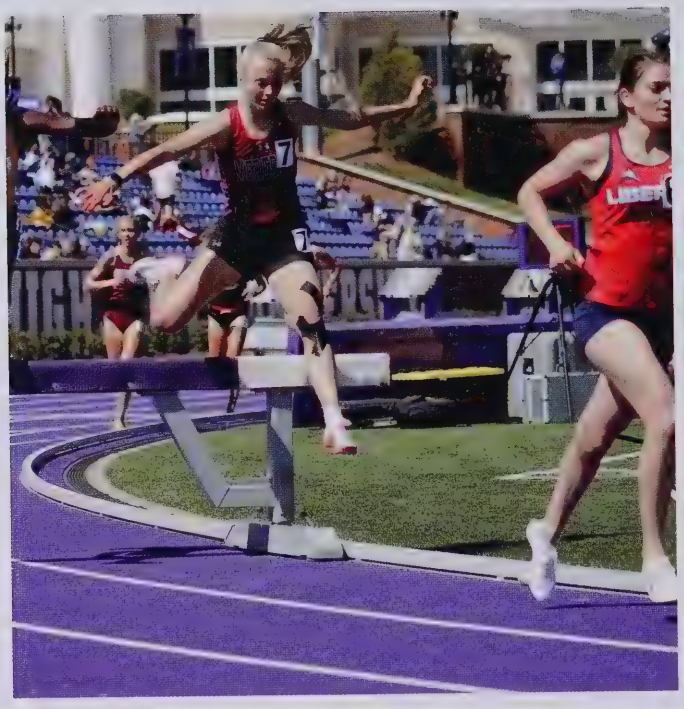

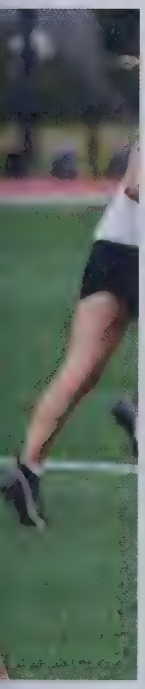

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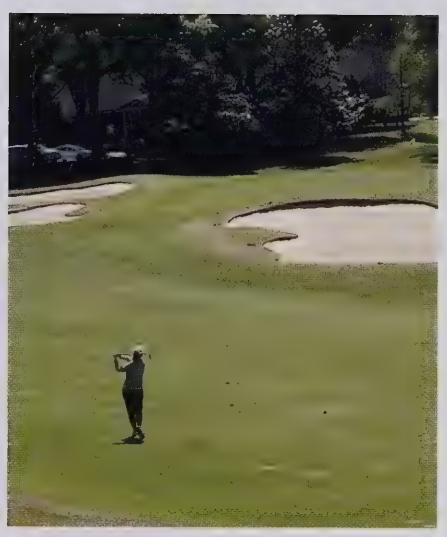

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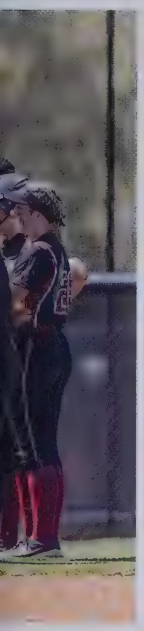

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Volleyball

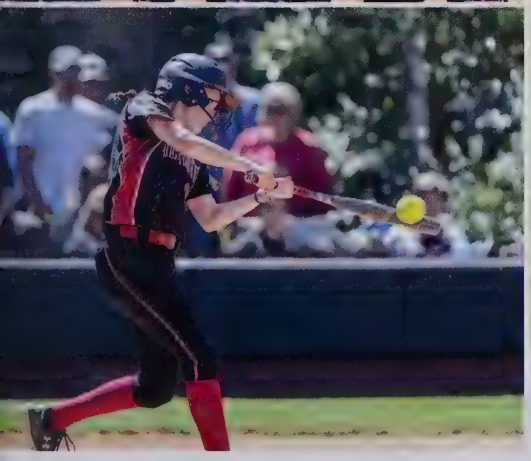
Soccer

Field Hockey

Basketball

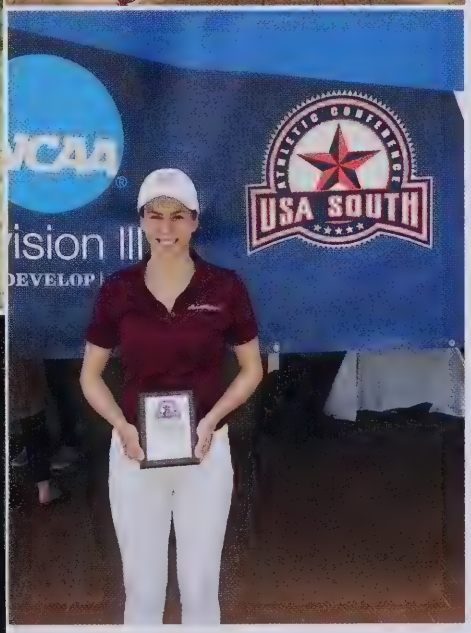
Cross Country Track & Field

Softball



Lacrosse

Golf



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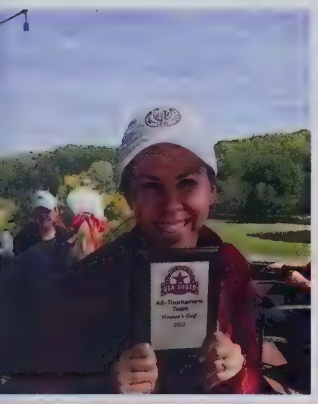

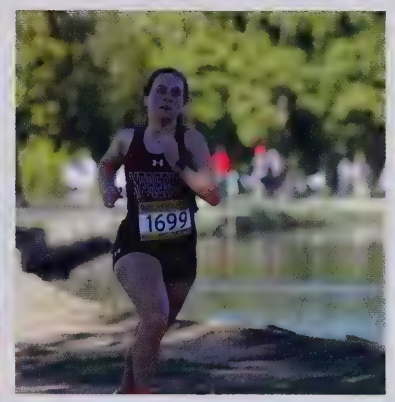

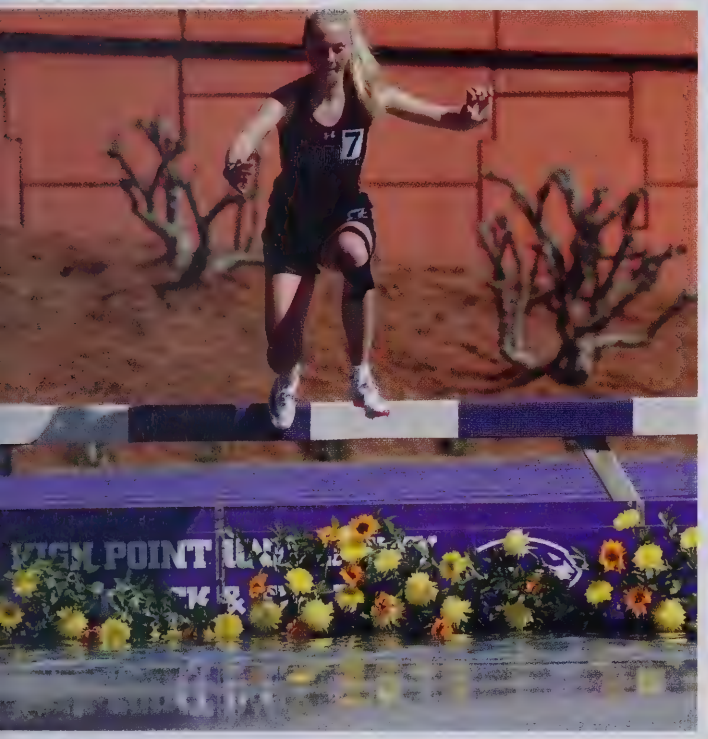

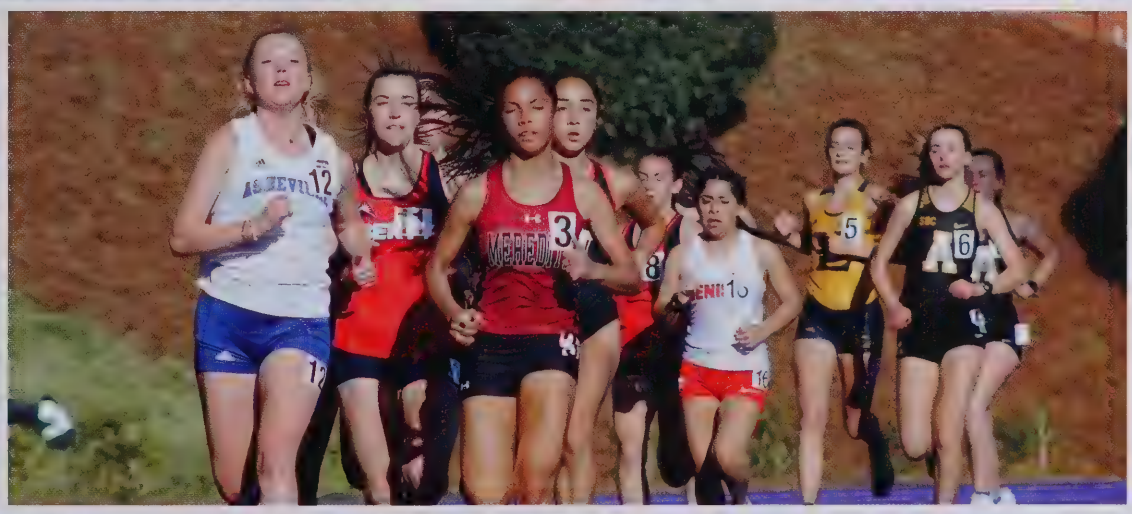

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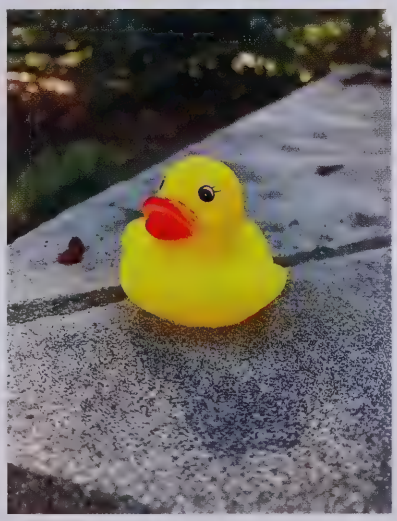

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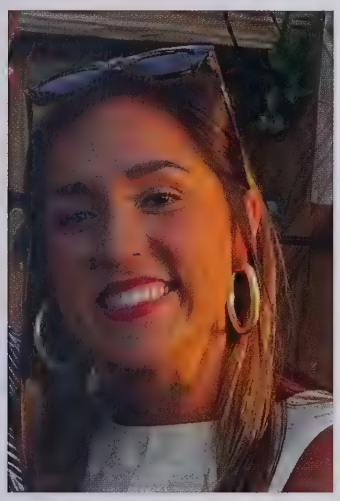
American Chemical Society

Malia Garber - President



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Zoë Blankenship - Secretary

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Black Student Union

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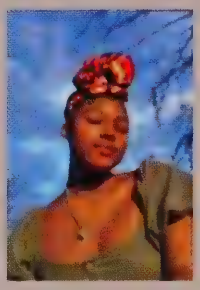

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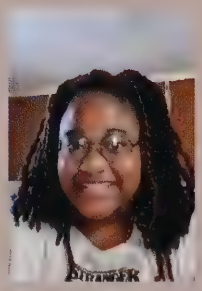

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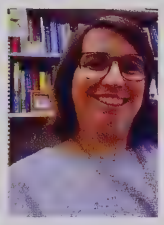

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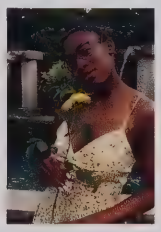

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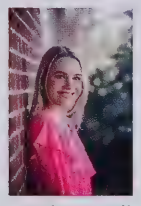
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Congratulations, Sarah! We are very proud of the young woman you've become!
Love, Mom, Dad & James

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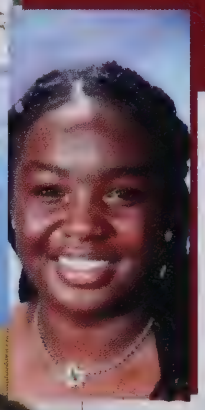

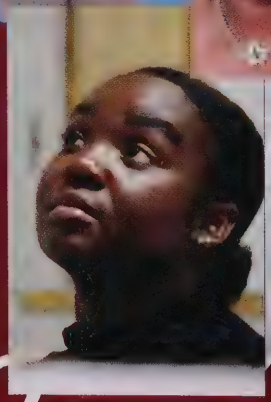

From Mommy:

You are my beautiful, talented, smart, and kind- hearted gift from God. You have blessed me in ways I can't always put into words. I have so many things to be proud of you for; so, today is just one of many more milestones to come. Continue to have integrity and lean on God in all your life's decisions. Hard work and dedication are what got you here, so never forget that. More importantly, never forget your worth so that it can never be taken away from you. Love you always

From daddy:

Your college graduation is another significant milestone in your life's journey. It has not always been easy. Sometimes, admittedly, I have pushed you hard to get through college; but you've done it, even during a global pandemic, and positioned yourself for future success.

I am so very proud of you, love you and look forward to seeing what's next.

Emily Pulley

Emily Pulley
Class of 2022

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments in life so far! We are excited to see what the future holds for you and the families you will help with your Social Work degree.

"Be strong and courageous" in all you do!

Always follow your dreams and reach for the stars!

We love you very much.
Mommy and TT

Emily Spain

From your first day of school to college graduation, you've been slipping through our fingers, determined to find your way in this world. Never stop reaching for your dreams and never stop finding joy in the journey. We are so proud of you and excited to see what the future holds for you.
We Love You- Mom, Dad and Dillon

Congratulations Emily Spain!
Class of 2022

Destiny Eudy

We told you at the end of high school to take the world by storm and you are on your way. Meredith College knows that Destiny Eudy was there.

From the first day of your freshman year, to the first day of your senior year, you went at each year with beauty, determination, taking on new adventure, and creating memories every step of the way.

You have made us so proud. Now let the next step into the world know who Destiny Eudy is.

Lookout world, here she comes!

Love, Mama and Daddy

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2022!

Faculty and Staff Throwback Answers

1. Dr. Candalyn Rade
2. Amanda Sullivan (Research Librarian)
3. Prof. Cathy Rodgers
4. Dr. Carla Ross
5. Dr. Lisa Monahan
6. Prof. Ashley Hogan

Letter From the Editor

Dear Angels,

I want to start out by saying thank you to everyone who endured and answered my many emails, DMs, and messages asking for pictures and information throughout the year. Thank you to our advisor, Professor Hogan, for helping us out and for doing so much for the Meredith College publications. Thank you to Jostens Representative Kim Trezona for guiding us, helping the vision of the cover come to life, and always being an email away. Finally, thank you to my staff for all of your hard work and dedication to this book.

I am honored to have been part of such an amazing book, and to be part of capturing the memories of your college career. After four years of being part of the Oak Leaves, one year on staff, two years as Assistant Editor, and spending my final year as Editor-in-Chief, I can say that I am so proud to be part of the Meredith Community.

The theme we chose this year is "Growing." We chose this theme to represent how much we all change and grow, physically, mentally, and emotionally, during our college years. To go along with the theme "Growing," we chose a color palette that reminded us of the colors we see in nature. The colors we chose were Navy (blue), Marmalade (orange), Cranberry (red/maroon), Lettuce (green), Graduation Gold (yellow), Eggshell (off-white/beige), Leather (brown), Black, and White.

One of my favorite things to do since joining the Oak Leaves staff is to look through the digital archives and old yearbooks. When searching I found the story of the Meredith flower, Meredith Hues Iris. I knew that I wanted the flower to be incorporated into the book, and so the Meredith Hues Iris was chosen as a symbol for the book, and ultimately was the biggest inspiration for the theme.

In the book you will see two specific and special graphics, an iris, and an ear of corn. The iris was created by me, and the corn was created by Oak Leaves staff member Layla Davenport. This is the first time in many years that custom drawn graphics have been added in the book, and these graphics give the book an extra special touch that is rarely seen in yearbooks nowadays.

As you flip through the book time and time again, I hope you look back and see how you have grown and cherish the memories made throughout this year. To the class of 2025, you made it through your first year, and can officially say that you have experienced it! To the class of 2024, my sweet little sis class, as you go into your junior year, know that you can do this! You are halfway there and are about to enter into such an exciting year, keep going! To the class of 2023, as you enter your last year, take the time to cherish what is left; you won't believe how fast the last year flies. Finally, to the class of 2022, we did it! To think it was only a few short years ago that we all found Wonderland together. We made it through a crazy four years full of unknown and exciting times, and through literal rain or shine, we made it to graduation with a tear in our eye and a smile on our face. Congratulations to the Class of 2022!

I wish you all the best,

Destiny Eudy

Editor-in-Chief

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